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PACK AND SINGLE TRIALS

One of the sporting phenomena of this country is that the vast majority of those who love hounds are more interested in their work as individuals than in their work as a pack. There are a great many more Walker and Trigg hounds—the field trial breeds—than there are American, English, Penn-Marydel and Cross Bred, the breeds maintained to hunt as a pack. This emphasis is not a matter of inheritance. In Britain and on the European continent virtually all hound activity is centered on pack hunting—only in the north of England do we find hound trials, and these are only on drag lines.

This emphasis on individual performance is the more surprising since virtually all the major sports developed in this country are team sports—baseball, basketball, football, ice hockey, lacrosse and the rest. Before the Civil War things were different. Then the larger planters had the land, the climate, the leisure and the means to maintain packs of hounds and did so. The change of emphasis came when smaller holdings and the necessity of working harder forced those who loved hounds to run them at night, a change fostered by the advent of barbed wire (making it more difficult to ride close enough to see hounds work) and by the fact that, in our climate, scent is almost always better than in the daytime. When they assembled at night around a campfire near a fox crossing for a "race", each bringing one or two hounds, it was only natural that, once a fox had been started, each should listen anxiously to the individual voices of the chorus and should enjoy a moment of triumph when he could say: "Listen at ole Driver, leadin' across the knob." From here to the organized field trial was, of course, only a short step.

The evolution of hunting cottontails with beagles in this country has followed a somewhat parallel pattern. Our oldest organization, the National Beagle Club, was founded in 1889 by men primarily interested in pack hunting—among them Chetwood Smith, brother of that great proponent of the American foxhound, Harry Worcester Smith. The growth of single field trials, which came later, was sparked by one and two beagle owners, obviously much more numerous than those who could afford to maintain a complete pack.

Beagling is a daytime sport—the beauties of hound work can be seen

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as well as heard. It is, of course, satisfying to have your hound beat everyone else's hound. But is it really as satisfying at watching a top pack of beagles, perfectly level in their work, carrying a wide head as they drive forward in pursuit of the quarry, casting themselves in a wide arc at a check, with every other hound flying to the one which picks up the line?

Perhaps the field trial beaglers, who have recently started to run the first heat in groups of six or eight instead of in pairs so as to save time, will thus get a taste of the beauties of pack work. There is certainly no reason why they should not band together at home to maintain what are known to foxhunters as trencher-fed packs, half a dozen men bringing two or three hounds each to designated meeting places, all to be hunted by a single huntsman. George Washington and his neighbors frequently did just this—a true meet of hounds. What better example could there be than that set by The Father of His Country.

Letters..... Velvet Lassie

Dear Sir:

I thought your readers might like to know that the great old mare, "Velvet Lassie", died recently. She was 18, and in foal to "Bit of Fate", a son of "Wait A Bit", standing here in Michigan. It was just a year ago in October that "Velvet Lassie" had her last big win, the "Big Jump" class at Harrisburg.
Nancy Bonham
(Mrs. Max O.)

Sunset Road, R.R. 2
Grass Lake, Michigan

USET Benefit Shows

Dear Sir:

With the 1958 horse show season drawing rapidly to a close, the attention of the horse world begins to turn toward planning for the shows of 1959. With this in mind, we would like to invite your attention to the U. S. Equestrian Team, Inc.

This organization, a non-profit one, was founded in 1950 for the purpose of providing, maintaining and training teams to represent this country in international equestrian competition. Since its inception, the U.S.E.T. has sent teams to the 1952 and 1956 Olympic Games as well as the 1955 Pan American Games. In addition, our Prix des Nations team has appeared in Europe on several training tours. The last of these tours took place last summer and was marked by an un-

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CinemaRaces with Tote-Afloat

Raleigh Burroughs

The French Line's S. S. *Liberte* was ready to sail. Her oil tanks were full, her cargo trimmed, the pantry was stocked with delicacies from all parts of the world and the Totalisator was ready for service.

That was on December 9, a day that will go down in shipping history as the inaugural of CinemaRaces with Tote-Afloat.

In the afternoon, the *Liberte* cruised past the statue of the same name and headed east for a session with moderate waves and not-too-high rollers.

Presumably, the craft was loaded to the gunwales with horse-players.

According to a bulletin from Mr. Leo J. Margolin, of Tex McCrary, Inc., in behalf of the American Totalisator Division of Universal Controls, Inc., the game would get under way after the *Liberte* reached a point 150 miles off the coast. There are no federal, state or county prohibitions that far off shore.

Mr. Margolin's dispatch did not say whether the *Liberte* was headed for some particular place, like France, or was going to hover around 150 miles out in the ocean and let everybody play CinemaRaces with Tote-Afloat.

But that really isn't important. What is important is the fact that Universal Controls has come up with a new use for its product that will bring joy to its stockholders, already three times as rich as they were on Christmas 1956.

Anyone going on a voyage these days is likely to run into CinemaRaces. It is, says Mr. Margolin, "genuine horseracing as at any track, but without horses. . . ." (Not unlike winter racing in the North.)

It is hoped, by the steamship people that the new game will be a shot in the arm for the travel industry.

Tote Machine Aboard

The set-up certainly is appealing, assuming that ocean travelers like to gamble, and some bridge wizards have lived well enough to give basis to that assumption.

After the ship has reached a point 150 miles from the nearest shore cop the action begins.

An authentic tote machine is set up, offering win and place tickets. There is no show betting, for some reason that is not

explained, nor was anything said about a daily double or quiniela. As the gaming is for the benefit of the Seamen's Fund, it is possible that the seamen will add these revenue-increasing devices at some future time. Beneficiaries of the tote take are quick to discover ways to fatten the kitty.

When the *Liberte* shoved off, the planned betting unit was 420 francs, which any authority on international exchange will tell you equals 7 shillings, 42 pesetas or 620 lira. An American buck also will buy a "unit."

A miniature tote board, four feet wide by two feet high, registers the bets and gives the odds.

A program "identifies horses by number only and tells how many horses are in a particular race."

There is a betting period of "about 15 minutes" while the players stab around with numbers. Then, the ship's social director, "like the chief steward at a racetrack, presses the end-the-betting key, automatically locking the ticket-issuing machines."

At this point, the social director chooses a lady "at random" and it looks as though the game is going to get interesting, but all he wants her to do is "spin a selection wheel, similar to those used at county fairs."

If the wheel isn't too much like the ones used at county fairs, nobody knows where it's going to stop. The number the needle points to is the number of the filmed race to be chosen.

The ship's social director still is quarterbacking the game. He goes to film vault and takes out a sealed container which encloses film No. 4, with the right number of horses.

He puts the film on a movie projector and the horses are at the post.

While the social director has been busying himself with random ladies and breaking seals, the calculator, "generally the ship's accountant", has determined the approximate odds and flashed them on the board.

Then the race is shown on a screen ten feet wide by eight feet high. When the official results are known, the prices go up on the board and the players either cash or tear up.

The films are placed in sealed cans in the laboratories of the American Totalisator Company, and after a seal is broken that can can't be used again during that round-trip voyage. Some of those bridge sharks, with their memories, may be aboard.

No Past Performance Sheet

CinemaRaces, Inc., undoubtedly will bring considerable fun to sea travelers, but serious horse-players will find one important element lacking. That, of course, is the past performance sheet. So it is simply a numbers game.

Right now somebody is going to suggest that real past performances of real races staged in the distant past be used, and so give the form player a chance to have his fun.

It won't work, because of those people with memories.

Re-Run Gambling

A fellow stationed in the Aleutians during World War II, wrote me a letter that proved to me that a guy with a memory can slaughter a re-run gambling operation. According to this note, an enterprising gent who liked racing had a file of back issues of the *Racing Form* shipped to him and devised a wonderful way to give some fun to his buddies and make a buck or two for himself.

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Racing Review

Easy Mark

Pimlico Cup

Government agencies interested in recruiting troops for the Arctic Circle, would do well to canvass the patrons of Pimlico as 16,167 turned out, on December 13, in freezing weather for the 22nd running of the Pimlico Cup. The one and five-eighths miles event for three-year-olds and upward, with \$10,000 added, brought out six starters.

Howell E. Jackson's Cross Channel took the lead just before completing a full turn of the course and went on to finish seven lengths in front of N. H. Steck, Jr.'s Combahee. E. A. Byrne's Civet finished third, a neck behind Combahee. J. J. Amiel's Mr. Turf was fourth, four lengths to the rear of Civet.

Cross Channel was making his tenth start of the year, with only one previous victory, and four seconds. He received \$7,146 for his effort, which gave him a total of \$15,798 for 1958. To date he has won \$25,258.

Cross Channel is a 4-year-old, bay, gelded son of *Princequillo out of the Johnstown mare Two Cities. He was bred by Bull Run Stud (Howell E. Jackson) and is trained by E. A. Christmas. Jockey K. Korte rode the strong running winner

and toured the mile and five-eighths in 2.33 1/5, just one second off the track record set by Market Wise, on November 13, 1941. The winner carried 110 pounds and the topweights, Civet and Casual Friend, the favorite, carried 120 pounds.

Tropical Park

While Pimlico's patrons were being served up some very bitter weather, the fans at Tropical Park, Coral Gables, Fla., were enjoying some balmy climate (in the seventies) and some 10,000 turned out for the 18th running of The City of Coral Gables Handicap. The six furlongs, handicap stakes, for three-year-olds and upward, had ten starters.

M. N. Goodwin's Jimmer won a driving victory, by a neck, over Ada L. Rice's favored Talent Show. Mrs. Rice's Mister Jive was third and F. M. Prickett's Mrs. Hellen finished fourth.

Jimmer is a three-year-old chestnut colt, by Bolero-Our Bobbie, by *Flushing II. He was bred by Mrs. M. Crawford. He is trained by H. H. Goodwin and L. Gilligan was in the irons. The time for the six furlongs was 1.09, over a fast track.

Jimmer's share of the purse was \$6,700 and it boosted his season's earnings to \$18,625, for four victories and two seconds out of 10 starts. As a two-year-old he won \$53,050.

Tanforan

Joe W. Brown, the New Orleans sportsman, had the winner of the 43rd running of the mile and one-eighth California Derby at Tanforan, on Saturday, December 6. His Nice Guy won in a stretch drive over the sturdy King's Canasta, with Alibi Blue finishing third. As a 2-year-old, Nice Guy earned only \$110 and until the Derby his take was just \$19,160. He got \$15,525 for his winning effort in this one. Last year he was

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running with a claiming price tag of \$6,500.

He is a chestnut colt by The Battles (a War Admiral horse) out of Wonderful You, who is by *Brown King. Mrs. Joe W. Brown bred him and T. W. "Wally" Dunn trains him. Jockey Richard Griffiths gave Nice Guy the victorious ride. They covered the nine furlongs in 1.50 2/5 seconds.

Easy Markings

Tropical Park has some speedsters at their current meeting. Mrs. T. Christopher's *Amerigo set a new track record of 1.40 3/5, for 1 1/16 miles, on December 6, in the City of Miami Handicap. This was close to the world's record of 1.39, set by Swaps. Several days later W. M. Wickham's Whittledy Cut broke Dark Ruler's record of 1.09, set January 9, 1957. The 5-year-old bay gelding by I Will-Laura Ella, by Lee O. Cotner, ran the 6 furlongs in 1.08 4/5, in an optional claiming race. Dumpty Humpty holds the world's record (1.08) on a level course. This was set on November 2, 1957 at Golden Gate Field, Albany, Calif. The best recorded time for 6 furlongs is by Gelding by Blink-Broken Tendril which ran the distance in 1.06 1/5 at Brighton, England, on August 6, 1929. However, the three-quarter mile course at Brighton starts on a hill and is down grade to within one-third of a mile from the finish. The record maker was a three-year-old at the time.

WARNER DISPERSAL

The Fasig-Tipton Co. will sell at auction at the Pomona Fairgrounds, Los Angeles County, California, on Monday, January 5th, the entire Thoroughbred holdings of the late Harry M. Warner. Sixty-nine head will be sold, including 29 broodmares and 15 horses-in-training.

January 23rd

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FROM ABROAD

PRINCE BIO IMMOBILIZED

Efforts of a Virginia syndicate, headed by Nelson B. Hunt, of Warrenton, to import the 17-year-old leading French sire, Prince Bio, to this country, have come to a halt following a court order that the horse should remain "sequestered" until it has been determined whether he should be sold by his owner, Celestin Herblin, to the syndicate or to Prince Aly Khan. Monsieur Herblin agreed to sell the stallion to the Aly for 50,000,000 francs, which he claimed the potentate did not pay. Herblin then accepted the Hunt syndicate's offer of 75,000,000 francs. The Aly Khan contends that he had made a deposit of 30,000,000 francs in a Swiss bank to seal the bargain.

TOP-PRICED MARE FOR U. S. A.

Top price at the Newmarket December Sales was realised by the five-year-old mare French Polish, in foal to Never Say Die, bought for 23,000 guineas by the Anglo-Irish Agency on behalf of American Mrs. J. M. Olin of New York.

The winner of one race, French Polish is by the French sire Sicambre out of All Moonshine, the dam of the year's leading stallion Mossborough. After opening at 5,000 guineas, bidding went up by leaps and bounds until finally only the AIA and Vigors & Co were left in, both seeking to obtain her on behalf of American clients.

P. T.-C.

TURNER ACQUIRES TOP-PRICE FOAL

For the staggering sum of 14,000 guineas, Fred W. Turner, the owner of top two-year-old *Tomy Lee, secured at the Newmarket December Sales the chestnut colt-foal by Mossborough out of Vale of Towy, who has already bred the One Thousand Guineas third Welsh Fairy. This is the third highest price ever paid in England for a foal, and it is to be hoped that he proves more successful than did *Administrator, who cost Mrs. Elizabeth Graham 19,000 guineas in 1954 and failed to win a race.

Underbidder for the superb looking youngster by the sire of champion Ballymoss was the Anglo-Irish Agency acting on behalf of Daniel Rice, Danada Farm, Lexington, Ky.

P.T.-C.

SUPERIOR GERMAN CATALOGUE

In October and November, while the breeders count their money, the buyers at Keeneland's fall sales count their horses and wonder what they've got. Some of the buyers have insisted for years that they would like to know more about what they are getting. That is, they would prefer to make their estimates of price and probability from more complete information than is provided in the catalogue.

A format for presenting a much larger amount of information without using additional space was suggested in "The Blood-Horse" of December 8, 1956. A few buyers uttered approval; vendors gave it a pocket veto. It has remained for the Germans - more specifically, the Direktorium fuer Vollblutzucht und Rennen - to inaugurate the use of a catalogue which answers more questions than it raises.

The catalogue for the yearling auction at Cologne on September 26th included 80 head. The last 2 in the book had 3-cross pedigrees and a paragraph of family notes for each. The others had the most complete information ever incorporated into a Thoroughbred catalogue.

Directly under the name of each parent and grandparent in the 3-cross pedigree was the following information: racing index, number of starts, number and type of races won, number of additional placings, and major races (indicated by initials) in which the horse won or placed.

Below the pedigree was the complete list of produce, including the blank years, for each of the first 3 dams. For each of the offspring which raced was given the racing index, along with the other informa-

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tion noted above, number of starts, number and type of races won, etc. Below this was a summarizing paragraph, about equal to the "headline" paragraph which appears at the top of the page in catalogues of the Breeders' Sales Company.

Insofar as we know, this was the first use of the racing index in a sale catalogue. However, instead of the figure which would summarize the runner's entire career, the best one-year index was given. The inclusive cumulative index probably would have been more useful, since it is more easily checked against established norms.

Data given in the German catalogue required a trifle more space than the Fasig-Tipton catalogue now uses, but larger type and more space were used in the tabulated pedigree.

Average for the 38 yearlings sold was 5,500 marks, highest since the war, and a colt by Neckar out of the dam of Lustige brought 20,000 marks, also a postwar record. (Reprinted from "The Blood-Horse")

KENTUCKY

IN THE COMBS FAMILY

Leslie Combs II and John W. Hanes recently purchased from Morty Freedman, the stakes winning mare Gay Life (Eight Thirty-La Chicuela by *Blenheim II), winner of the Firenze Handicap and second in the Ladies and Bed o' Roses Handicaps. Gay Life descends from La Chica, owned by Mr. Combs' grandfather, Leslie Combs. For the Combs family La Chica produced the stakes winners El Chico, Chicuelo, Planetoid, and Miyako. Miyako is the second dam of Native Dancer and Planetoid's daughter, Grey Flight, produced Wheatley Stable's Misty Morn, Full Flight and Gray Phantom. All of La Chica's five daughters became stakes producers.

TUDOR MINSTREL SOLD

Leslie Combs II, of Kentucky, and Neil S. McCarthy, of California, have purchased the British stallion Tudor Minstrel, a 14-year-old son of Owen Tudor out of Sansonnet by Sansovino. He will make the 1959 season in England and will come to this country next July where he will stand at Mr. Combs' Spendthrift Farm, near Lexington, and will be syndicated. Tudor Minstrel is the sire of the current crack 2-year-old *Tomy Lee; of *Tudor Melody, head of the British Free Two-Year-Old Handicap of 1958; of *Poona II, winner of the Santa Anita Handicap; and of other high class horses.

FOREIGN SIRE

The Horse of the Year, Round Table, and six of the seven division leaders in the championship poll of Triangle Publications are sired by imported stallions. Only Tim Tam is by a native-bred stallion - Tom Fool.

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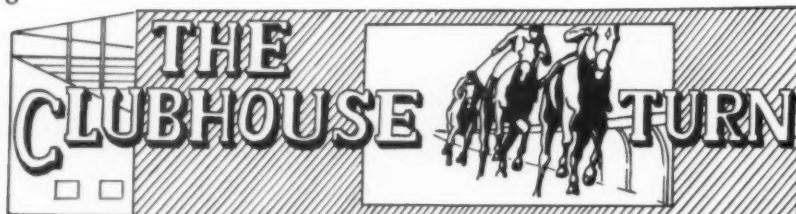


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N. E. THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held in the clubhouse at Narragansett Park, Pawtucket, R. I., on Monday, Nov. 24th, Norman W. Hall was re-elected president of the New England Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association, Inc. Also re-elected were Roy Lane, treasurer, and Mrs. Mark N. Sarian, secretary. Peter Fuller was elected vice president.

Elected to the Board of Directors were: Mrs. John Payson Adams, Talbot Dewey, Dr. Martin Kaplan, William Larue, R. J. Melone, Louis A. R. Pieri, William P. Reynolds, Mark N. Sarian, Bayard Tuckerman Jr., John Keefe, Mrs. Helen Fortuna and Max White.

Miss Ann Delaney, executive secretary of the Association, reported on the list of Thoroughbred breeding stock in New England which she is currently compiling.

HORSEMEN'S FORMULARY

Writing in a recent issue of "The Horsemen's Journal", Ben Zirin, speaking of the problem of the use of stimulants in racing says: "What is needed most is a horsemen's formulary, listing all of the medications that can be used legally, and those that are illegal. In this manner if a horseman used a drug that is termed illegal (and is cognizant of the fact through

the use of the Formulary) he then can be prosecuted. At present there is no indication as to the legality or illegality of a given drug; there is so much confusion that a horseman is afraid to use anything! The Formulary Committee should consist of a non-biased group with representation of members from both the National Association of State Racing Chemists and Association of Official Racing Chemists, members of the Veterinary and Medical professions, HBPA Members, and several Pharmacologists and Pharmacists."

WIGWAM FIRE SYSTEM

President White and the ten members of the executive committee of the New England Division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, recently witnessed at the Narragansett Park Stable Area a demonstration of the Wigwam System of Fire Prevention conducted by its originator, Roger W. Cabell. According to Mr. Cabell the system offers the five following advantages: (1) Less than a minute to detect and warn of fire. (2) Rapid spread impossible. (3) Ends abuse of the electrical systems. (4) Warns of defective wire or appliances. (5) Gives location of fire in time to save horses and prevent property loss.

Installing this system requires rewiring the barns and tack rooms, building of fire stops in roof sections of each stall, installing heat sensitive units and the repainting of stalls with fire proof paint. Heat sensitive units take shape of connections joined by thin wires running just below the roofs of each stall. Temperature of 140 degrees breaks unit causing system to give alarm. Ventilators would be installed in each stall in contrast to present policy of one ventilator at each end of every four or five stalls.

Green lights would be installed on outside or on roof of each barn which would burn continuously, informing watchmen that there is no electrical difficulty in barn. Fire breaking out automatically lights up red lights and green lights go off indicating which barn is on fire. System connects with local fire department and firemen know instantly where fire is located.

The installation fee would also include installing secondary set of wire, removing all outlets from present circuit, and installation of locked type sockets preventing attaching of heating units on system.

1958 Polls

Thoroughbred Racing Assns' 1958 Champions

Steeplechase Champion - Mrs. Ogden Phipps' NEJL
Champion 2-Year-Old Colt - Christopher T. Chenery's FIRST LANDING.
Champion 2-Year-Old Filly - Reginald N. Webster's QUILL.
Champion 3-Year-Old Colt - Calumet Farm's TIM TAM.
Champion 3-Year-Old Filly - Mrs. C. Ulrick Bay's IDUN.
Champion Older Horse - Kerr Stable's ROUND TABLE.
Champion Older Filly or Mare - J. Graham Brown's BORNASTAR.
The American Champion - ROUND TABLE.

Morning Telegraph

Daily Racing Form Annual Poll

Best 2-Year-Old Colt or Gelding - FIRST LANDING.
Best 2-Year-Old Filly - QUILL.
Best 2-Year-Old - FIRST LANDING.
Best 3-Year-Old Colt or Gelding - TIM TAM.
Best 3-Year-Old Filly - IDUN.
Best 3-Year-Old - TIM TAM.
Best Handicap Horse - ROUND TABLE.
Best Handicap Filly or Mare - BORNASTAR.
Best Sprinter - Mrs. H. C. Phipps' BOLD RULER.
Best Grass Horse - ROUND TABLE.
Best Steeplechaser - NEJL.
BEST HORSE OF THE YEAR - ROUND TABLE.

Turf and Sport Digest Annual Poll

Best of the Year

Two-Year-Old Fillies - QUILL.
Two-Year-Old Colts & Geldings - FIRST LANDING.
Three-Year-Olds - TIM TAM.
Four-Year-Olds & Up - ROUND TABLE.
Best Horse of the Year - ROUND TABLE.

GRUMET INVESTIGATION

Jacob Grumet, temporary chairman of the New York State Investigation Commission, recently issued a large number of subpoenas to pari-mutuel clerks at the Jamaica Racetrack shortly before the close of the meeting. Mr. Grumet has not revealed just exactly what his commission is investigating. He has issued a statement, however, saying that it has nothing to do with the actual running of races. The New York Racing Association, The Jockey Club, the Thoroughbred Racing Associations, the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, the Racing Protective Bureau and The Jockey's Guild have all offered to extend to Mr. Grumet any assistance he may need.

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MARYLAND TURF WRITERS

The 23rd annual turf party of the Maryland Racing Writers' Association was held November 25th at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md. President Bill Boniface presented an award to retiring president Snowden Carter, and also pieces of plate to John T. Sadler and Irvin Grinsfelder, co-owners of the Knollwood Stable, breeder of Movitave, voted the Maryland-bred who did most during the year to enhance the reputation of Maryland as a racing state. Portraits of Laverne Fator, Edward (Snapper) Garrison and Jimmy McLaughlin were unveiled by Charles H. Johnson, publicity director of Pimlico, marking the installation of these three immortals in Pimlico's National Jockeys Hall of Fame.

N. Y. RACING REVENUE

Although betting at the Thoroughbred tracks was off slightly as compared with 1957, racing at the harness tracks in New York State reached an all-time high. There were 211 Thoroughbred Racing days and 654 harness horse racing days. The harness horse wagering exceeded Thoroughbred wagering for the first time in history. Total revenue to the state was \$80,903,329.

AQUEDUCT STEEPLECHASING

Writing in "The Morning Telegraph", columnist Bob Horwood has the following suggestion for steeplechasing at Aqueduct:

"We have believed for many years that this branch of the sport could become definitely popular if its wealthy proponents were willing to gamble a considerable amount of money and apply a little imagination. The French jumping track, Auteuil, is more popular with the public than any of the flat tracks, including Longchamp, and for two reasons. One, because it is of figure 8 design, which permits a close view of the horse throughout long races over various obstacles, not just a series of almost identical brush fences. Second, because there is enough racing at this track and at Enghien to make it worthwhile developing more capable jumpers and capable jumping riders. If the 'chase course at the new Aqueduct were a figure 8, patterned after Auteuil, and should the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association gamble on staging meetings of hurdle, steeplechase and amateur flat races in March, July and December, we believe that in less than two years they would be a financial success."

WOODBINE GAINS

The recent 46-day Woodbine meeting near Toronto, Canada, recorded gains in attendance and betting of 13 and 18 per cent respectively.

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NATIONAL LEADERS

National leaders from January 1 to November 30 inclusive are as follows: - Leading money-winning owners, Calumet Farm (Mrs. Gene Markey), \$943,681; Kerr Stable (Travis M. Kerr), \$878,232; C. T. Chenery, \$644,122; W. H. Bishop Stable, Inc., \$619,914; Llangollen Farm (Mrs. M. E. Lunn), \$567,519; and Mrs. E. D. Jacobs, \$546,457. Leading money-winning horses are Round Table, \$662,780; Tim Tam, \$467,200; First Landing, \$396,460; Clem, \$314,637; Intentionally, \$285,833; and Restless Wind, \$281,298.

YOUNT FIRE

Paul Yount, veteran Southwestern owner and trainer, recently suffered a heavy loss when fire destroyed four of his top Thoroughbreds and demolished a metal and wood barn housing the remainder of Yount's pretentious stable. The horses that perished in the fire were Ed's Boy, Coon Boy, Betty Swift and Oh Buck, valued approximately by Yount at \$20,000. The damage to the barns, located close to Saginaw, Texas, was severe. Willie Springfield, Yount's foreman and assistant trainer, led most of the horses to safety, and Yount himself, although crippled from an injury last Spring, did all he could.

Yount stated that he would continue training his horses at his farm, until the burned barns could be rebuilt. B. B.



Winning the Longfellow Handicap

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b. h., 1952, BIMELECH-BELLESOEUR, by *Beau Pere

His Sire: BIMELECH—Stakes winner and leading money winner at 3. Sire of winners of over \$5,000,000.

His Dam: Stakes winner and never out of the money at 2. Won four races out of six starts including Spinaway, Astarita Stakes, also ran second in Empire City Demoiselle and Schuylerville Stakes. Dam of six foals of racing age, five of whom have started and won, including the stakes winners JABNEH and BEAU DIABLE.

His racing record: Stakes winner on the turf, including the Longfellow Handicap (1 mile) and the Hialeah Turf 'Cap (1½ miles) defeating Oligarchy, *Blue Choir, Impasse, etc.

Fee: \$750 - Live Foal

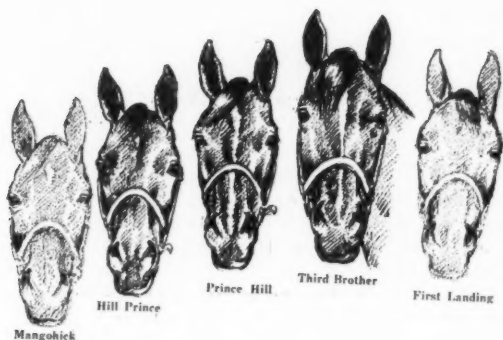
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The 69th National Beagle Club Field Trials

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The clans began to gather early on November 5th, the eve of the sixty-ninth Annual National Beagle Club's Pack Trial at Aldie, Virginia. Some apprehension clouded the scene when word came that the Trewern party had met with an accident shortly after leaving their kennels. Their trailer had been struck at an intersection, and a number of hounds were injured. Bun Sharp had to return to the kennels for replacements, but all were relieved to learn that what might have been a most serious mishap found good fortune smiling. By late afternoon Trewern and Becky Sharp with Nantucket completed the arrival of the largest number of packs that have gathered at Aldie in many years.

"Hep" Gammack and Old Chatham had arrived the previous Saturday, hoping to have some workouts with Henri and Mildred Prunaret's Sir Sister pack. Mildred Prunaret's illness prevented Sir Sister from coming early; they arrived on Wednesday with Roger Williams and Henri Prunaret but sans Mildred, who had to pass up the first National in many years.

Two Couple Classes

Thursday morning dawned bright, clear and cloudless. The Measuring Committee was kept busy for several hours measuring an unusually heavy entry of new hounds by all packs. In the thirteen-inch, two-couple class, thirteen packs drew for position, and the trial began promptly. The beautiful day left something to be desired as to scenting conditions, and it was not long before it became evident that whoever could produce a run would be a contender. Sister and John Grew of Dover, Massachusetts, with their Noanet Beagles, were able to do exactly that, their stake hound Nugget saving the day when it looked like the ball might be fumbled on several occasions in a hard drive. North Country was second, Sandanona third, the reserve ribbon going to Old Chatham. Game was

plentiful, but rabbits ran erratically and seemed to vary as to scent.

The fifteen inch two couple class with fourteen entries was the most competitive class of the trial. Conditions apparently were improving, and the larger hounds soon took advantage of the fact. As the day wore on, runs became more spectacular and hard drives were the rule rather than the exception. The packs which were unfortunate enough to have to run Friday morning found conditions again bad, however. The judges' decision awarding the blue to Old Chatham was greeted with great cheers. It was their first blue in a pack class field event at Aldie, and everyone was extremely pleased to have joint masters, "Hep" Gammack and Al Callan, receive the Wheatly Frantic Cup for the fine work they have done through the past years in developing Old Chatham. Sir Sister, the defending pack, was awarded second place and, as Roger Williams commented when out of hearing distance of the Master, "That was pretty good without Mildred". Trewern was third and Mr. Blackwelder's pack was given the reserve ribbon. Old Chatham's winning run was featured by a kill in back of Squaw Camp, and rumor has it that the mask is being mounted by Cartiers.

Four Couple Classes

A large four couple class of thirteen packs began to compete late Friday afternoon. Conditions could certainly not have been called good, but hounds displayed excellent drive and, as the day progressed, each pack seemed to do a little better than the previous ones. As the judges commented later, one point margins were separating some of the scorings. The class was not finished until 10:30 Saturday morning, but each Master coming from the field seemed pleased with his performance. The judges' decision placing Trewern first, Noanet second, Sir Sister



Mrs. John Grew, Joint Master, Noanet Beagles, with her winning 13 inch two couple, who also won the National Challenge Cup.

third, and Raynham reserve, met with the approval of the gallery which had been following the event. The veteran spectators felt this class had been superb and they were correct, as it later developed that the great run of Trewern won the Sir Sister Cup for the best field performance hands down.

Basset Classes

Following this event, the two couple Basset pack class was held. Four packs were entered, but Mr. Roger's pack had to withdraw due to illness. The newly recognized Somerset Bassets from Virginia were making their initial appearance at Aldie. Scenting conditions were no better for the Bassets than for the Beagles and, to the relief of some of the Beagle purists, the hunts of the Bassets were comparable to the Beagle classes. In a closely contested event, the title holders, Mollie and Kent Leavitt's Poona Bassets of Millbrook, N. Y. repeated for the blue ribbon, with Somerset second and Tewksbury third.

In the four couple event, Tewksbury reversed its position and was awarded the blue with Somerset again second and the defending champion Poona Bassets in third place.

Bench Show

With John Cowperthwaite as judge and Bill Battin as chief steward, the bench show started after lunch on Saturday—the entries were large. The National Challenge Cup for field and bench points in the two couple class was won by Noanet. They defeated Old Chatham by one point. In the four couple class, Noanet again repeated by winning the Baker Memorial Plate from Sir Sister by one-half a point, to complete

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North Country Four Couple, Charles Backus, Master and Robert Bartlett present pack to Judges John Cowperthwaite and Roy L. Bundick, prior to drawing for a rabbit.



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Irish Joint Meet

About 1,500 followers attended the biggest Interhunt Meet of the year on Sunday November 23, organized by the Irish Masters of Beagles Association. It was held at Curraghmore, Portlaw by kind permission of the Marquis of Waterford.

Two and a half couples of the best hounds from each of 11 well-known packs participated. The composite pack was in charge of Mr. Fergus J. Power who has been joint Master of the Waterford Beagles for many years. He was allowed to bring five couples of his own hounds, which meant that he was hunting a pack of 30 couples (60 hounds) and the fact that he provided a first class day's sport is a great tribute to his ability.

Hounds spent the day traversing the 2000 acre Estate. Scent seemed to be excellent on grass land but it was indifferent in the woods, especially in the rain-drenched bracken.

One of the fields seemed unusually big and looked like a miniature version of Epsom Downs. It was enclosed on 3 sides by woods but the 3rd was out of view beyond the horizon. This was understandable as it was formerly a private race course of the Beresford family and one circuit of the field is 2 1/4 miles in length.

The following packs participated: Waterford, Ardfinnan, Hospital and District, Middleton Foot, Riverstown Foot, Maryborough Foot (Cork), and Curragh Foot. Other hunts which were represented were Goldburn Beagles (Dublin and Meath), Waterford Foxhounds, Kildare Foxhounds, Carlow Hounds, Meath Hounds, South County Dublin Harriers, United Club Hunt (Cork) and Ward Union Stag-hounds. S.L.

National Beagle Trials

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a great year for the Dover, Mass. pack. Jean DuPont's Liseter entries swept the thirteen inch class for the Welfare Cup. Liseter Moonspark was first and Liseter's Portsmouth Larkspur was reserve. The fifteen inch bench award for the Turnbull Cup went to Nantucket Hoodwink; Treweryn Dulcie was reserve.

Eight Couple Events

Back to Beagles with the colorful and spectacular eight couple pack event which was run at Mrs. Russell's. Scenting conditions became progressively worse and the performances left much to be desired. Beekle Sharp's Nantucket had the only really good performance of the class. It found a rabbit and ran it hard from one briar patch to another. They were picked up running.

Toward the end, her pack had added a lemon colored hound which was at first thought to be a Sir Sister spy, but it later

proved to be a North Country hound that had escaped from a van parked in Russell's driveway. Old Chatham had a roaring run on Mrs. Russell's house dog, but it was before they were officially down and they received no credit. The class closed with a climax of bad scenting conditions, and disappointment for most Masters. The judges placed Nantucket first, North Country second, Liseter third, with Old Chatham reserve.

Stake Classes

The thirteen inch three hour stake was also taken over to Mrs. Russell's and for the first hour was hunted on the north side of the road. The lush growth of the wet summer made conditions unsatisfactory. This, added to the lack of scent, produced nothing too exciting for the first third of the event. The hounds were then moved to the south side of the road and, after a number of short runs, really pushed a rabbit for the last third of the event. Noanet Nugget was given the blue, Liseter Cookie second, Sandanona Jasmine third



The measuring committee, Henri Prunaret and A. William Battin, measure the Liseter entries.

and Noanet's Waldingfield Busy reserve. Sir Sister Dispatch, Treweryn Benefit and Model Sandanona Brassy and Old Chatham Sister completed the pack that ran the last hours. This win added the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy for total point score to Noanet's already heavy load of silverware. Bob Scott, the Treweryn huntsman, did his customary fine job in hunting this pack. It was quite interesting to some of the spectators how eight couple from as many different packs can so quickly adapt themselves to the touch of a new huntsman.

Albert Callan, the joint master of Old Chatham, hunted the fifteen inch stake in the afternoon on the Institute grounds. He did an excellent job handling the large pack, and as it later developed, it became an excellent hunt. The wet summer and lack of frost made it quite difficult to see as much as one would have liked,

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particularly as the scenting conditions improved and the pace became faster. The blue ribbon was awarded to Nantucket Hoodwink, an extraordinary win when one stops to think she was this year's grand champion on the bench at Bryn Mawr and a wonderful tribute to Beekle Sharp and her breeding. North Country Pilot was second with Treweryn Musty third; last year's winner Noanet Newsman was placed reserve. This event brought the curtain down for the sixty-ninth National.

Foxcatcher Plate, 13-inch, two couple, 13 packs - 1. Noanet, Mr. & Mrs. John Grew, Dover, Mass.; 2. North Country, North Country Beagles, Oxford, Mich.; 3. Sandanona, Morgan Wing, Jr., Millbrook, N. Y.; Res. Old Chatham, Old Chatham Hunt Beagles, Kinderhook, N. Y. Wheatley Frantic Cup, 15-inch, two couple, 14 packs - 1. Old Chatham, Old Chatham Hunt Beagles; 2. Sir Sister, Sir Sister Beagles, Natick, Mass.; 3. Treweryn, Treweryn Beagles, Berwyn, Pa.; Res. Blackwelder, LeRoy Blackwelder, Sterling, Va.

Somerset Challenge Cup, four couple, 13 packs - 1. Treweryn, Treweryn Beagles; 2. Noanet, Mr. & Mrs. John Grew; 3. Sir Sister, Sir Sister Beagles; Res. Raynham, Mrs. Edward H. Carle, Keswick, Va.

Watchman Cup, eight couple, 7 packs - 1. Nantucket, Mrs. David B. Sharp, Jr., West Chester, Pa.; 2. North Country, North Country Beagles; 3. Liseter, Mr. J. Austin duPont, Newtown Square, Pa.; Res. Old Chatham, Old Chatham Hunt Beagles.

Minstrel Cup, 13-inch, three hour stake, 16 entries - 1. Noanet Nugget, Mrs. John Grew; 2. Liseter Cookie, Mr. J. Austin duPont; 3. Sandanona Jasmine, Morgan Wing, Jr.; Res. Noanet's Waldingfield Busy, Mr. & Mrs. John Grew. Huntsman - Robert M. Scott.

Treweryn Forger Cup, 15-inch, three hour stake, 14 entries - 1. Nantucket Hoodwink, Mrs. David B. Sharp, Jr.; 2. North Country Pilot, North Country Beagles; 3. Treweryn Musty, Treweryn Beagles; Res. Noanet Newsman, Mr. & Mrs. John Grew. Huntsman - Albert S. Callan, Jr.

Bassets - Bohemia River Plate, two couple, 3 packs - 1. Poona, Kent Leavitt, Millbrook, N. Y.; 2. Somerset, Mrs. J. N. Andrews, Somerset, Va.; 3. Tewksbury, Tewksbury Bassets, Gladstone, N. J. Judges - Roy L. Bundick, Philadelphia, Pa., John K. Cowperthwaite, Far Hills, N. J. Bassets - Thornwood Plate, four couple, 3 packs - 1. Tewksbury, Tewksbury Bassets; 2. Somerset, Mrs. J. N. Andrews, Judge - Josiah H. Child, Westwood, Mass.

SHOW AWARDS

Welfare Cup, best 13-inch Beagle - 1. Liseter Moonspark; Res. Liseter's Portsmouth Larkspur. Turnbull Cup, best 15-inch Beagle - 1. Nantucket Hoodwink; Res. Treweryn Dulcie.

FIELD AWARDS

Sir Sister Cup, highest scored pack in the field - Treweryn Four Couple.

Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy, highest total scored pack in the field - 1. Noanet, 25 points; 2. North Country, 20 points; 3. Treweryn, 18 points.

Roster Of Beagle Packs

1958

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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Secretary, National Beagle Club

Our registered packs consist of nineteen packs of beagles, six packs of bassets, and one pack of harriers. The Kingsland Beagles were inactivated but a new pack, The Bloomfield Beagles, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, were recently granted recognition as a registered pack. The Waldingfield Beagles, our oldest pack which was formed in 1896, we regret to report, has been disbanded again but the Noanet Beagles Dover, Mass. established in 1952 and inactivated in 1956 has re-registered consequently the beagles were able to stand off any loss in the ranks.

The basset packs have increased their number to a new record total of six packs with the recent recognition of the Somerset Bassets, Somerset, Va. The Secretary can also report basset activity in St. Louis, Mo., thus the basset news is most encouraging.

Beagle and basset packs showed good sport during the year with large fields. The Bryn Mawr Hound Show and the Litchfield County Hound Show were well supported with entries as were the Gladstone, National and Bay State pack trials.

It is hoped that the coming year will bring forth more beagle and basset packs. The predicted revival of the gold coat did not produce a new pack, but the joining of the wearers of gold and blue with brown piping in October is a step in the right direction.



BLOOMFIELD BEAGLES

Long Lake Road,
 Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
 Established 1954

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar russet piped with orange. Evening - green, orange lapels, back collar russet. Master: G. Fred Morris. Whipper-in (professional): Richard Klamaras. Hon. Whipper-in: C. H. Pierce, Jr. Kennel Huntsman: Frank Farro. Hon. Secretary: Frederick Reynolds, 4105 Beech Road, Birmingham, Michigan. Tel. no. Midwest 4-0166.

Ten couples 13-15 inch beagles. Hunting cottontail rabbits and jack rabbits each Sunday October - March 31st. Bye days during week Wednesday or Thursday. Pack was organized in 1954 by the late Gordon F. Hess as a personal pack.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES

Upper Brookville,
 L. I., New York
 Established 1934

Subscription pack. Owned by the members; others may subscribe by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: green, gray collar; evening - green, gray silk facings. Masters: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly, Jr. and J. Wooderson Glenn. Huntsmen: the Masters. Secretary: John W. Oelsner. Hon. Whippers-in: Beth Cocks, Mimi Cocks, Anne D. Conolly, Barbara H. Conolly, Charles D. Corcoran, John Oelsner, Michael Quinlan and Sarah Glenn.

Fifteen couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March. Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturdays. Telephone Mayfair 6-0682. Visitors welcome.

Country hunted about 15 by 10 miles, rolling, open, plough and much woodland.

Former Masters: Edward M. Ward, Jr. 1934-1935; Henry B. Thompson, Jr. 1936-1937; John C. Baker, Jr. and Morgan Wing, Jr., 1938-1948; John C. Baker, Jr. 1948-1952.

ELLSON BEAGLES

Easton,
 Maryland
 Established 1946

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson. Huntsman: The Master. Honorary Whipper-in: Margaret Wilson.

Seven couples Beagles under 13 inch. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits at Master's convenience.

Country hunted is farmland between Easton and Oxford, Maryland. Telephone: Easton 2046.

LIGONIER VALLEY BEAGLES

Ligonier,
 Pennsylvania
 Established 1954

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, blue collar. Master and Huntsman: George C. Clement. Honorary Secretary and Whippers-in: David C. Burton, Mrs. L. W. Bughman, Mrs. George C. Clement.

Eight couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Kennels at Rolling Rock Club, Ligonier. Telephone: Ligonier, BE 8-4296. Visitors welcome.

The country hunted is the same as hunted by the Rolling Rock Hunt.

LISETER BEAGLES

Newton Square,
 Pennsylvania
 Established 1928

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collar, light blue piping. Masters: Mrs. J. Austin duPont and John E. duPont. Kennel Huntsman: Paul Andrien.

Twenty couples 13 in. and 15 inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits at Master's convenience. Telephone Elgin 6-1684.

LITTLE ELK BEAGLES

Fair Hill,
 Maryland
 Established 1949

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, russet collar. Master: Carl A. Robinson. Whippers-in (honorary) Janet Robinson, Carol Robinson, Jay Robinson.

Six couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunting September through March. Hounds meet on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays at the convenience of the Master. Visitors welcome. Hounds hunt on western hare and cottontail rabbits in the country of the Foxcatcher Hounds by courtesy of the Master; on European hare in country near Jobstown, New Jersey.



LITTLE PROSPECT FOOT BEAGLES

Spring House,
Pennsylvania
Established 1952

Private Pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, robin's egg blue collar with black piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony N. B. Garvan. Huntsman: Anthony N. B. Garvan. Honorary Secretary: F. Markoe Rivinus, Jr., 131 W. Rex Ave., Telephone Chestnut Hill 7-8163. Whippers-in (honorary): Willis Rivinus, F. Markoe Rivinus, George Woolley, Jr., Leslie Byrnes. Junior Whippers-in: Mary Jane Garvan, Kathleen Garvan, Benjamin Blaney.

Seventeen couples 15 inch beagles. Hunt hare, cottontail and fox September to April 1. Thursdays, Sundays and holidays. Country generally level with a few steep ridges. Centers Plymouth Meeting, Whitmarsh, Ambler, Doylestown.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT

Box 588, Red Bank,
New Jersey
Established 1885
Recognized 1904

Hunt livery and colors: Green, maroon collar with yellow piping; evening - scarlet, maroon collar, scarlet facings. Master: (1933) Amory L. Haskell. Honorary Secretary: To be appointed. Huntsman (professional): Albert H. Smith. Whippers-in: T. S. Gimbel, III and Stenor Gimbel, (professional) Melvin Ryan. Kennelmen: Lawrence Westbrook. Foxhounds: 25 couple harriers. Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting: October 12 to March 1, two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday). Visitors or strangers permitted to hunt - for details contact the Master. Hotel accommodations at Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 4 miles from kennels. Hunters can be rented from Mrs. Charles Armstrong, Red Bank; Mrs. A. Savavese, Middletown and G. Vierman, Lincroft. Monmouth County Hunt Race Meet, Woodland Farm in October and Monmouth County Horse Show at the Monmouth Race Track in August. Hunter Trials in December. Schooling Show in May. Hounds went out 25 times last season.

Country is approximately 30 by 35 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation. Rail fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

NANTUCKET BEAGLES

West Chester, R.D. 2,
Pennsylvania
Established 1926

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: green, maroon collar with white piping. Master and Huntsman: Mrs. David B. Sharp, Jr. Hon. Whippers-in: Miss Margaret Bullitt and Miss Janie Knowles. Kennel Huntsman: David Sharp, Jr.

Ten Couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt jack rabbit June through August on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. Kennels during other months at Exton, Pennsylvania. Pack originally known as Nantucket Harriers.

NOANET BEAGLES

Farm Street,
Dover, Mass.
Established 1952

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: green, black collar with red piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. John Grew. Hon. Whippers-in: E. McGregor Strauss and John Grew, Jr. Junior Whippers-in: Carol Lyman and Howard Pike. Hon. Secretary: John Grew, telephone State 5-0141. Kennel Huntsman: Elizabeth Campbell.

Eight couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunted on week ends November to April. Hunt cottontail rabbits.

Country consists of woodlands, swamps and uncultivated fields in Dover. Meets also held in Newport, Rhode Island, where country is more open with grassland.

NORTH COUNTRY BEAGLES

Metamora,
Michigan
Established 1953

Subscription pack. Hunt livery: Green, with gold collar and black piping. Master and Huntsman: Charles K. Backus. Whippers-in (honorary): Jon Frost, Dean Bedford, Jr., Emory W. Clark, II, William R. Clark, Jr., Miss Ruth Sweeney. Junior Whippers-in: Joseph Backus, Julian Backus, Henry Buick.

Fifteen couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt cottontail and jackrabbits in metamora Hunt country, Sundays and bye days, October through April. Visitors welcome. Kennels located on Casey Road, one quarter mile west of Hosner Road, near Thornville, Mich.

OLD CHATHAM HUNT FOOT BEAGLES

Kinderhook,
New York
Established 1953

Subscription pack. Affiliate of Old Chatham Hunt Club. Hunt livery and colors: Green with cavalry yellow collar and green piping. Masters: Albert S. Callan, Jr. and Mrs. Henry N. Gammack. Huntsman: Albert S. Callan, Jr. Whippers-in (honorary): Thomas H. Quinn, Hugh McB. Johnston, John S. Williams, Jr., Paul Tilson. Field Master: Henry N. Gammack. Telephone: Old Chatham 9-2514.

Eight couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Kennels at Ballintra Farm, West Ghent, New York. Hunt cottontail rabbits and hare Sunday afternoons and holidays, October 1 to April 1. Country is rolling farm and woodland in vicinity of Old Chatham, Kinderhook, and West Ghent. Visitors welcome. Address, Mrs. Henry N. Gammack, Kinderhook, New York. Telephone: Murdock 4-2181.

Former Masters: Capt. Sydney Smith (1952); Orlan A. Johnson (1953).

PEMBERTON BEAGLES

Fallston,
Maryland
Established 1918

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with Nile green piping. Master and Huntsman: Dean Bedford. Kennel Huntsman: Irving Weeks.

Ten couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Hounds meet at the Master's convenience. Kennels at Fallston. Telephone: Jarrettsville 2441.

POONA BASSETS

Millbrook,
New York
Established 1954

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Barclay gold, russet collar. Master: Kent Leavitt. Whipper-in (honorary): Mrs. Kent Leavitt.

Eight couples Bassets. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master - most frequently on Saturday afternoons, September through March. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits and hare. Telephone Or 7-9622 Millbrook.

RAYNHAM BEAGLES

Raynham Hall,
Keswick, Virginia
Established 1948

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same. Master: Mrs. Edward H. Carle. Honorary Secretary: Edward H. Carle. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-in (professional): C. Hughes. Second Whipper-in (honorary): Jake Carle.

Eleven and one half couples 15 inch beagles. Kennels at Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1st to April 1st, generally three days a week. Hunt cottontail rabbits. Telephone: Charlottesville 3-0292.

The country hunted is the Keswick by permission of the Master.

ROCKY FORK BEAGLES

5720 Shull Road,
Gahanna, Ohio
Established 1954

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gentian collar with light blue piping. Masters: H. Richard P. Niehoff, and Morton B. Curley. Huntsmen: Morton B. Curley, Dr. Craig DeLong. Hon. Whippers-in: Daniel Howland and R. G. McCaskey. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. James H. Hengst. Field Master: John N. Ferguson.

Ten couples, 13 - 15 inch beagles. Hunt Sunday afternoons, middle of September through March. Country hunted is approximately 6 miles by 12 miles in the Rocky Fork country adjacent to the village of Gahanna, Ohio.

ROYAL CANADIAN SCHOOL OF INFANTRY BEAGLES

Camp Borden,
Ontario, Canada
Established 1953

Private Pack. Hunt livery and colors: Rifle-green, infantry scarlet collar with maroon piping. Master: Captain John A. Gillanders. Huntsman: J. A. Gillanders. Kennelman (professional): Ed Thompson.

Ten couples English beagles. Hunt native brown hare Fridays and alternate Sundays. October through March. Kennels at Camp Borden. Visitors welcome. Telephone 574W and 641.

Country is generally sandy, uncultivated, with pine wood strips.

SANDANONA BEAGLES

Millbrook,
New York
Established 1948

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, yellow collar with grey piping; evening - green, yellow silk facings with grey piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. Honorary Secretary: Roger A. Young. Whippers-in: Harry E. Richter, E. Gordon MacKenzie, Richard Small, Marie Anspach and Oakleigh B. Thorne. Chairman Hunt Committee: Oakleigh B. Thorne.

Eighteen couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt native brown hare and cottontail rabbits Sundays and holidays October through March. Kennels at Millbrook. Telephone Or 7-3337 and Or 7-5783, Millbrook. Visitors welcome.

Country is rolling farm and woodland.

SIR SISTER BEAGLES

Natick,
Massachusetts
Established 1903

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, scarlet collar; evening - green coat, scarlet collar, white waistcoat with hunt buttons. Master: Henri Prunaret. Honorary Secretary: Richardson Harwood. Huntsman: The Master. Honorary Whippers-in: First, Mrs. Henri Prunaret, Second, Roger Williams.

Fifteen couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Kennels at Natick, Mass. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Essex County fixtures through the courtesy of the Master of Myopia, Middlesex County at the invitation of the Master: Olympic 3-2231.

Former Master: Chetwood Smith (1903-1952).



View of Class 113 at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show - Beagles, Entered Bitches (13 in.)
Mr. L. W. Carrel, judge at the left.
(Carl Klein Photo)



Sandanona Beagles, best 5-couple of Beagles at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show, shown by Morgan Wing, Master and Harry Richter, Hon. Whipper-in. (Carl Klein Photo)

SKYCASTLE BASSETS
Chester Springs,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1949.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, crimson collar. Master and Huntsman; John W. Streeter. Whippers-in (professional): Frank Reed, Clarence L. Ritterbaugh. Kennel Huntsman: Frank Reed.

Seven couples bassets. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Visitors welcome. Telephone: Chester Springs 5621.

SOMERSET BASSETS
Waverly Farm,
Somerset, Virginia
Established 1957

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same with gold piping. Master: Mrs. J. N. Andrews, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-in: Melvin Johnson (professional). Hon Whippers-in: Mrs. Johnson Smith and R. Donald Worth.

The country hunted is the Montpelier, by permission of the Master.

Five couples Bassets going out at the convenience of the Master, most usually Sunday afternoons. Visitors welcome. Telephone Orange, Va. 7512.

STOCKFORD BASSETS
Fairville,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1932

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping. Master and Huntsman: (1032) Alfred E. Bissell. Kennels near Chadds Ford Pennsylvania.

Ten couples Bassets. Cubbing starts in August. Hunting October 15th to March 15th. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master. Telephone: Wilmington, Del. Olympia 4-5028.

Country hunted is within a radius of 3 miles of the kennels. It is a rolling country, consisting in the main of farmland with some woods.

TEWKSBURY FOOT BASSETS
Far Hills,
New Jersey
Established 1950
Recognized 1953

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, robins egg blue collar, black buttons engraved T. F. B., navy blue stockings. Masters and Huntsmen: Haliburton Fales II, James S. Jones. Secretary: Mrs. James J. Casey. Peapack, New Jersey. Whippers-in (honorary): Miss Margaret Wemple, Richard Hull, John Ike, James Peale, Clifford Starrett, Col. D. W. Thackeray, Mrs. H. B. Cannon, Miss Betsy Borman. Kennelman: L. Zamorski. Field Master: John Eyre. Treasurer: Richard Hull. Chairman Hunt Committee: James J. Casey.

21 1/2 couples of bassets, the property of the country title being vested in three Trustees for the Hounds. Hunt native European hare and jack rabbits in Somerset and

Hunterdon Counties, Sundays and holidays - October through March. Kennels: Pottersville, N. J.

Area, formerly hunted by Vernon - Somerset Beagles and Whiteoaks Foot Beagles, comprises a portion of the country of the Essex Fox Hounds. Visitors welcome. No cap. fee. Telephone Peapack 8-0145.

TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS
Hampstead,
Maryland
Established 1946

Private pack, owned by the Master and supported by subscription. Hunt livery and colors: Green with old gold collar and infantry blue piping, evening dress - Green coat, infantry blue piping around collar, old gold facings. Master: Charles R. Rogers, Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Maryland. Telephone: Hampstead 5191. Field Master: Victor Weybright, New York City. Honorary Secretary: John Carroll Dunn, 717 Washington Place, Baltimore 1, Maryland. Telephone: Mulberry 5-6294. Whippers-in (honorary): Mrs. Charles R. Rogers, Miss Charles Williams, Mrs. John Bayley. Kennel Huntsman: Elwood Boblitts. Kennels: Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Maryland.

Fourteen couples bassets. Hunt cottontails, Kansas jack, and fox from October 1 through March 15, Saturday, Sunday and bye-days. The country is grass, woodland and cultivated in Baltimore, Harford, Carroll and Howard Counties.

TREWERYN BEAGLES
Berwyn,
Pennsylvania
Established 1924

A subscription pack founded in 1924, hunting the Radnor Hunt country in Chester County. Hunt livery and colors: Green, with Yale blue collar and brown piping, evening - coat green with blue collar, brown piping and blue facings. Master: David B. Sharp, Jr. Huntsman: Robert M. Scott. Whippers-in (honorary): George S. Hunt, John B. Todd, E. Edward Houghton, Ronald B. Houghton, Miss Patricia Harrison, Miss Jane Knowles, Gerrit Terhune. Field Master: Orville H. Bullitt, Jr. Secretary-Treasurer: A. William Battin. Kennel Huntsman (professional): Charles Smith.

Twenty couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with formal meets on Sunday, August 20th to April 1st. Telephone (kennels): Berwyn 9351. (Master) Exton 1175.

Country, gently rolling farm land with small coverts. Former Masters: William Newbold Ely, 1924-1929; David B. Sharp, Jr. and James R. Kerr, Jr. (Joint Masters) 1929-1930.

WOLVER BEAGLES
Middleburg,
Virginia
Established 1913

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Whipper-in (professional): Charles E. Kirk.

Six couples 15 inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1st to March 31st at Master's convenience. Visitors welcome. Telephone: Middleburg 3591. A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.

SIMON WEATHERBY

When Simon Weatherby, scion of the family which, for a century and a half, has kept the General Stud Book for the British Jockey Club, was asked to go foxhunting with the Vicmead Hunt, near Wilmington, Delaware, problems arose - First, Mr. Weatherby has ridden very little, and second, what would he ride? The hunting day dawned and his mount had not yet been decided on. But at ten o'clock, Lana duPont visited her next door neighbor, Uncle George Weymouth, examined the 15 hand Palomino track lead pony, decided he would do - and arranged for his shaggy coat to be removed in time for the 12 o'clock meet! Simon was duly poured into borrowed clothes and arrived at the meet on time. It didn't seem to matter that the pony had never jumped, as Simon planned to take down the barways or go through gates. Everything went fine, until a fox was found and, hot behind hounds, went the unusually large field. Our hero was caught in the rush and found himself surging toward a 3' 10" bar-way. There was nothing to do, but to go - and horse and rider sailed over in one piece. Before a check, this was repeated with ease - much to everyone's delight. Maybe the lead pony - never having jumped before, will never jump again, but his two jumps will long be remembered by those hunting with Vicmead that day! M.M.T.

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Bryn Mawr Beagle Show

Bob Slike

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The 38th annual Bryn Mawr Beagle Show was held in the traditional English manner except for showing on leashes instead of in an enclosed ring without posing. Here under the picturesque surroundings at the Radnor Hunt near Malvern, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia, 99 entries from the packs which are hunted formally were paraded for Judge Ike Carrel to compare and determine their type qualifications.

September fifth dawned gloriously causing a good turnout of the dyed-in-the-wool hunt crowd to gather on the velvety lawns surrounding the lovely old building where famous hounds and houndmen have met in friendly competition through the years. As the day lengthened, Old Sol bore down, sending the mercury zooming into the high eighties and causing exhibitors, hounds and the judge to hunt out the shady spots. By noon after cooling refreshments and a welcome luncheon, the dog hounds had been judged. Mrs. du Pont's sturdy Liseter stallion hound, Ch. Liseter Merry Messenger won over all 13 inch dog contenders to take the championship cup over Sandanona's smooth little Ch. Mallory's Rock-A-Bye Bob. The stalwart Ch. Liseter Merry Rex upheld the family prestige by winning over another son of Merry Lad's, Old Chatham's Sandanona Lasher. Quite an achievement for Liseter and Merry Lad!

The Bitches

A trim business-like puppy, Buckram Bangle was best unentered (whelped after Dec. 31 '56) bitch, beating the lemon pied sturdier Sir-Sister Minion and Sandanona Biscuit. Sandanona came back strong in entered bitches winning over 11 well-bred ones of good quality with their Wrinkles - a daughter of their reserve champion, Rock-A-Bye Bob. Liseter was second and third with Pensive and Portsmouth. Seven brood bitches were headed by Buckram Briny who nosed out Sandanona Lovely and Treweryn Benefit. Wrinkles also was best in the Champion Bitch class. Sandanona won the class for brood bitches and two of their-get with Lovely and her Bugler and Bouncer. Liseter Charm II was second and Treweryn with Vernon Somerset Dora was third.

Best couple of 13 inch bitches was Sir Sister Magic and Madcap with Buckram second and Treweryn third. Nantucket scored high in unentered bitches with Mermaid over Little Elk Nifty. After winning entered bitches, Treweryn Dulcie barely squeezed past Sir-Sister Cornelia and Little Elk Noodles in the Brood Bitch class. Buckram Beauty won the championship cup for big bitches with Treweryn Dulcie and Nantucket Mermaid next

in order but Nantucket Hoodwink beat her in the brood bitch class. The couples awards are given in the summary.

Mrs. duPont's National Beagle Club Challenge Cup for the best 13 inch dog or bitch bred and owned by exhibitor went to Liseter Merry Messenger with Buckram Briny second, Sandanona Laughter third. The R. V. N. Gambrill National Challenge Cup for best 15 inch dog or bitch bred by exhibitor was won by Ch. Liseter Merry Rex with a very close second in Nantucket Hoodwink, Buckram Beauty third. Rex also won the John C. Baker Jr. Memorial Challenge Cup for champion beagle of any size or sex in the show.



Liseter Beagle Merry Rex, grand champion Beagle of Bryn Mawr Hound Show, with Mrs. J. Austin duPont, Joint-Master.
(Carl Klein Photo)

Five Couple Class

Towards the day's end came the exciting showing of the five couples on the infield of the steeplechase course. There were seven packs shown at one time by the staff in livery in front of spectators seated on the terraced banks overlooking this beautiful and colorful spectacle. Certainly this was the highlight and climax for a most interesting day. John du Pont showed the Liseter - a very level uniform pack of ten black blanketed bitches with very little variation in size, conformation or shading to win over Dave Sharp showing the Treweryn which was not as uniform in size or markings; Sir Sister shown by Henry Prunaret was third. Their all lemon pack varied slightly with different shades of coloring. Morgan Wing showed a very nice 15 inch pack to win in the larger division over Nantucket, shown by Mrs.

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Sharp. Old Chatham, third, was shown by Mrs. Gammack. The Treweryn's levelness and uniformity won over Sandanona to take home the third Vernon Somerset Challenge cup repeating their win of 1954.

This is a spectacle that every beagler should see to appreciate a phase of the sport 90% of the followers of beagles know nothing about, but would find most interesting.

Combined Pack Hunt

Saturday morning we were roused out of bed at 6 a.m. by Joe Baldwin who had graciously offered to drive us over to the Sam Eckert estate to watch the pack hunt on Kansas jacks which is an added attraction or climax to the show.

We arrived shortly before 7 a.m. and found that several of the members of the hunt and their packs were already on hand. Incidentally, the pack for this hunt is made up from each of the different packs at the show. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert extended a cordial welcome to all the beaglers and joined the group for the hunt.

Before the start of the hunt, Bob Scott of Treweryn who served as Master, brought the hounds, 18 couple or 36 hounds, out on the lawn for a picture. This was when, to our embarrassment, we found we were completely out of film, but Ike Carrel saved the day with his small pocket size foreign camera, so a memorable scene was not lost.

Shortly after casting the hounds in an alfalfa field they found a young jack which was run to a kill in about two minutes.

The hounds were next cast in a corn field without striking game. Then as the pack came out of the corn field two jacks were sighted going out of an adjoining alfalfa field. One cut back through a pasture, the other one went straight away. The latter was the one chosen by the huntsman and the hounds were away in full chorus with 30 or 40 of the field following. Due to the fact that we had neglected to bring our field clothes we were forced to miss all but the start and the finish of the hunt. After about one hour the jack came back with the pack close on his heels, in fact, they would have caught him in another five minutes, but the huntsman decided that he should be saved for another hunt so the hounds were called off and walked to the creek for a drink before loading them in the station wagons for the trip home.

From the Eckert farm everyone headed for the Radnor Hunt for refreshments and a hearty breakfast after which farewells were said and we headed for home.

We would like to say again that every beagler should make it a must to attend a hunt with the organized packs. The color, the sound of 36 hounds in one pack, the good fellowship found here is something you will long remember.



Friday, December 19, 1958

Ligonier Valley Beagles

Sport in the Mountains

The Ligonier Valley Beagles have met seven Sunday afternoons since the opening of the 1958-59 season. They have enjoyed, on these days, the hospitality of as many landowners of the Valley. Five of the days have been bright and sunny, two gray, misty and windless. The mystery of scent already has presented itself - on the two damp days when it should have been best, it appeared almost nonexistent. The beagles, though working hard and even showing distress over their inability to follow closely, frequently found themselves midfield with noses leading nowhere. Then on several of the bright dry days and with mountain breezes sweeping the autumn fields, scent was excellent and good runs were enjoyed.

The countryside hunted is 50 miles east of Pittsburgh and lies between Laurel and Chestnut Ridges, the two eastern most ranges of the Alleghenies. Both of these bordering Ridges provide excellent sport for rifle and shotgun in the fall and for the fly rod in the spring. Several fishermen, in fact, are among the staunch supporters of beagling; it keeps them in the outdoors in pleasant company; at the same time it holds them in good physical condition between trout seasons. But Laurel Ridge, at the first snow, also

issues a call of another sort that is more enticing to some members of the Field than that of the Master's horn. Once the snow becomes sufficient for skiing, and in this heaven is abetted by a snow machine on the slopes, some beaglers depart with regrets and do not appear until the beginning of the next beagling year.

The Ligonier Valley is a heterogeneous checkerboard of fields, both cultivated and semi-wild, of lawns and woodlands, of hills and valleys. Mostly the chase is in open country, but the quarry, which is the rabbit (we have no hares) occasionally leads the pack on a woods chase. Unfortunately, deer often hide in these copses during the day and several times during the season some of the wayward beagles with an exaggerated conception of their houndness drive deer as far as three miles. It speaks well for the determination and stamina of the hounds that occasionally members of the staff searching for the errant beagles sight deer that show evidence of exhaustion from the chase.

The Ligonier Valley Beagles is fortunate to have as Master and huntsman, Mr. George C. Clement who also is M.F.H. of the Rolling Rock Hunt. He keeps the pleasure of his field constantly in mind

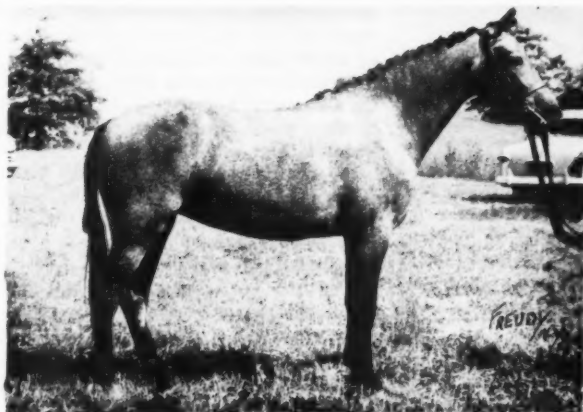
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and even when it shows signs of raggedness or noisiness or presses too close, he never exhibits impatience. His thorough acquaintance with the countryside acquired through hunting it for several years stands the beagles in good stead. The hounds in October showed the early season tendency to become scattered, but, as in other years, after several meets under Mr. Clement's direction, the pack became organized and cohesive.

When the season began there was pessimism concerning the number of rabbits in the area since there had been reports of disease and scarcity. The beagles in the seven meets of this autumn possibly have not put up as many rabbits as in previous years, but the number runs has been ample and the quarry has shown as much vigor and resourcefulness as in seasons past.

TRYON TROPHY

It was a cold brisk day that greeted a field of about 75 hunters Thanksgiving morning. After a good day in the field the riders met with the hill-toppers, guests and visitors at the Embassy Club for breakfast. It was here that the coveted Tryon Trophy was awarded to "the young person showing the greatest improvement in the hunting field". This year the award went to W. C. Boren, IV. Miss Lynn Boyce, last year's winner, was presented with a permanent replica of the cup.



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Gladstone Beagle Pack Trials

Barbara H. Conolly

"Deer! 'Ware deer!" has come to be the byword of beagle pack trials in both New Jersey and Virginia in recent years, but thanks to two capable mounted Whippers-in, Peggy Wemple and Vita Cowperthwaite Thompson, not a hound was lost during the trials. Two packs did get off on deer, the North Country and Sandanona, but thanks to the girls' prompt action, both were soon whipped off. However, it must be mentioned that the bulk of the North Country pack went off on deer at the Bull Barns where all packs were kennelled, and at the end of three days, two hounds were still out.

Though there had been plenty of rain the day before the temperature was "hunting cool", Monday Nov. 3rd, turned out to be an extremely poor scenting day for the five packs which competed in the Two-Couple class, the Buckram from Long Island, the Liseter from Newtown Square, Pa., the North Country from Michigan, the Sandanona from Millbrook, N. Y., and the Treweryn from Berwyn, Pa. Victorious over seven other 13" Two-Couple packs was the Buckram pack of Postman and Nordic (both Waldingfield hounds), and Magic and Mariner (both by Bethel Lake Vagabond, a Vermon Somerset bred hound, out of a Buckram bitch which had heavy Vernon Somerset lines). These were the only hounds which had any kind of a hunt at all as scent was awfully catchy, but they had a good close long hunt, not noticeable for drive. Sandanona's Biscuit, Brassy, Jasmine, and Inch were 2nd, Treweryn's Dainty, Dazzle, Matchless, and Marigold were 3rd, and Buckram's Molly, Biscuit, Damsel, and Desperate were 4th.

The 15" Two-Couple fared no better scent-wise, three of the four packs which took top ribbons having magnificent hunts to total losses. Of these the Buckram's was the longest and strongest. Barley and Bargain, (by Wolver Garnet '47) Matador and Magpie (litter brother and sister to Mariner and Magic), drove their rabbit close and hard to a point in the woods at the edge of a lane where the gallery was standing and never spoke to it again. North Country's Moses, Mayfair, Meadowlark, and Pilot were 2nd, Sandanona's Joker, Bugler, Merry-maker, and Bridget were 3rd, Treweryn's Burgess, Dulcie, Model, and Benefit took 4th, and North Country's 2nd pack was named Reserve.

The next day dawned sunny and mild with little improvement on scent, and the Buckram 4 couple pack, consisting of the two above winning packs, took the ribbon with a very nice strong hunt over a varying terrain. At one point, the rabbit was turned by the gallery and ran downwind right in a small stream. Hounds carried the line to the edge, checked, cast over, up, back, and then hit it off with lovely music, splashing like otterhounds as they,

went - an interesting sight. The Treweryn pack drew a creepy rabbit in the hot sun but handled it well to place second. North Country was third, despite a break in the middle of two hunts to run a deer - a most unfortunate occurrence, as hounds can hardly be expected to settle down on a vaporous cottontail immediately afterwards. Sandanona had a spotty hunt with their first pack to place 4th.

Two 4-couple packs of bassets then competed, the Poona and the Tewksbury. The home atmosphere must have suited the Tewksbury and the Millbrook visitors had to be content with 2nd.

The 8-couple beagle pack class broke the Buckram monopoly as the Treweryns placed first. They had a long draw to a hot rabbit which then put a huge hole in his line, but they finally picked him up again and finished strongly, if not as close as the Treweryn hounds usually are. North Country and Sandanona both ex-



Liseter, 5-couple beagles, winners of 13" beagle class and the any size to 15 inch class, shown by John E. duPont, Joint Master and Dean Noonkeaster, Whipper-in. (Carl Klein Photo)

perience difficulty with spotty rabbits and awkward terrain to place 3rd and 4th respectively.

The John C. Baker Jr. Memorial Horn to the pack having accumulated the most points at the trial went to the Buckram with 26 points, the Treweryn being second in line with 13.

As usual, John Cowperthwaite, with the help of Reese Howard, ran a most successful trial, not the least of which was his wonderful dinner party for the exhibitors on Monday night. His mounted Whippers-in took adequate care of the deer situation and if it hadn't been for the unlucky accident of the North Country pack going off on deer in the night (as they were being unloaded from their crates) the trial would have gone off without a flaw. As it was, those hounds were almost

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all recovered by the second day and it is expected that the missing two were recovered in time for the long trek to Aldie. The judges were Reese Howard, who once hunted the North Country pack, and Owen Payne of Kentucky, who a week earlier had finished his 7th field trial champion bitch at three trials in three days, placing 1st each day, a feat which can be equalled but never surpassed. It would be hard to find a pair who know the sport more thoroughly in all its aspects.

And it certainly must be mentioned that the attendance of Molly and Kent Leavitt with their pack of Poona Bassets from Millbrook, N. Y., ranked among the highlights of the trial. Their daughter Adele, known and loved in the foxhunting as well as the beagling world, succumbed to an old illness barely a month before and the fact that Kent and Molly decided to come to Gladstone and Aldie with their pack was in the highest sporting tradition.



Little Prospect Foot-Beagles

The season of 1957-58 was the most successful the Little Prospect Foot-Beagles have yet enjoyed. Few new hounds were entered and after mid-season only dogs were hunted. As a consequence hounds improved rapidly and their pace quickened. Altogether 11 1/2 brace were accounted for, most of them after December.

Early hunts, plagued as usual by the slaughter of gunners, found little game. On December 8th after 40 minutes, a fox running south east from Mrs. George Tyler's gate was lost. On December 22 after two fast swings through Mr. Mahlon Kline's paddocks thence through Cooke's, Roosevelt's and the McLean orchards hounds were stopped at dark.

Christmas day hounds found a hare behind the Penllyn polo field and after a fast burst hunted her along the railroad tracks for half a mile. Whipped off to allow two trains to pass, hounds led by Dummer Dairy-maid carried the line to the Pendlyn overpass, hunted through an open culvert, jumped the hare again and carried the line at bursting speed back to the polo field and thence to MacAdoo's paddocks where hounds were stopped.

Another outstanding day at Mr. Paxson's stable on February 23rd was enjoyed by the John Streeters M.B. and followers of the Skycastle Bassets. A hare ran a long triangle two miles to the side and finally squatted almost exhausted near First Whipper-in George Wooley. To spare her hounds were stopped just short of their quarry. On March 9th Joseph Conolly M.B. and Wooderson Glen M.B. and the Buckram field joined us for a good

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Beagling During The Early Eras

I. W. Carrel

It is fascinating to study beagle history - how they began and where they came from. But nothing definite explains when small hare hounds in England first became beagles. Hounds were mentioned by the Roman scholar - Aelian - who praised their wonderful scenting and hunting powers in the third century. They stalked their quarry under hot Mediterranean suns, stood with the crusaders before the Walls of Jerusalem and retreated through the snowy wastes of Russia with Napoleon's defeated army.

They have been the pet of both the high and low, and are known to have roamed with gypsies and to have ridden with bishops. Many species of the hound family have appeared in so many places that it is hard to state when the different hound breeds actually began. However, it is generally conceded that beagles reached their modern form in England after attaining their early development there. It was in this country that the breed's qualities as field trial contenders was developed to the exceptional finesse demanded at field trials.

Most writers on beagling credit hare hunting as being much older than fox hunting, but admit the earlier history is lost in the myths of antiquity. Mentioned usually are "Cynegeticus" by Xenophon, (435 to 354 B.C.). Despite the strange predilection of the Norman kings for the sport of hunting deer, the hare was for many centuries regarded as the finer quarry of the two. Edward, Duke of York, himself one of the greatest of all writers on sport, in his book, *The Master of Game*, gives the hare precedence over the hart. He says - and who shall gainsay him? - "It is to be known that the hare is king of all venery, for all blowing and the fair terms of hunting cometh of the seeking and finding of the hare. For certain it is the most marvelous beast that is. It is a fair thing to slay her with strength of hounds, for she runneth strong and cunningly. A hare shall last well four miles or more or less, if she be an old male hare. And when at last she fails and is 'bitten by hounds':

"Whoso is nearest should take her whole from them, and hold her in his one hand over his head high, and blow the death that men may gather thither, and when they be come, then should she be stripped, all save the head, and the gall and the paunch cast away, and the remnant should be laid on a great staff or on a board, whoso hath it, or on the earth, and then it should be chopped as small as it can be, so that it hangs together; and when it is so done then should one of the berners take it up with the head and hold it as high as he is able in his hands, and then whoso is the Master, blow the death, and anon as he

beginneth every man help and holloa. And when the hounds have bayed as long as is wished by the aforesaid most master, then should the berner pull as high as he can every piece from the other and cast to every hound his reward. And then should the most master blow a mote and a stroke, if so be that he thinks that the hounds have done enough, and else he should rest awhile, if the hounds be hot, till they be cooled, and then led to the water to lap. And then if he wish blow three motes and uncouple and speak and so do as before said."

Such was hare hunting in the fourteenth century! The sport then differed in many ways from the sport as we know it today, though not so widely as it differed from the sport as Xenophon knew it. Hounds, for example, must have been much faster than the Greek hounds that hunted the hares of Mount Pholoe, and maybe were not so very much slower than the hounds of the sixteenth century, though very much slower than the hounds of today. In Xenophon's time the method of catching the hare was by means of nets placed across the runs which the huntsman thought the most likely to be used by the hare. It was very rarely that the hounds

actually caught a hare themselves.

The idea was to keep the hare on the move, so that finally she might run into one of the nets that the huntsman had placed. The hunting was really a test of the woodcraft of the huntsman rather than a test of hounds. If the nets had vanished by the time of Edward, Duke of York, - and his work was largely a transcription of an earlier work, "La Chasse" by Count Gaston de Foix, commonly known as Gaston Phoebus - the work of the hounds was still very slow by modern standards. But, then, so was life. They used to start hunting at a very early hour, and they used to start by hunting the trace the hare had left during her feeding the previous night, unravelling it as they went along, until finally they put her up from her form. Then the hunt proper began, and frequently it was a pretty long one.

There is an account of a day with the harriers of Sir Roger de Coverley, at the end of which the hare is said to have been picked up alive eight yards in front of the hounds, who had been hunting her for nearly as many hours. That is evidence enough of the slowness of the pace. Had there been any sort of a pace, no hare could have been alive at the end of such a day. Nowadays, too frequently, the merit of a hunt is judged by the number of minutes without a check; then it was judged by the amount of sport a hare

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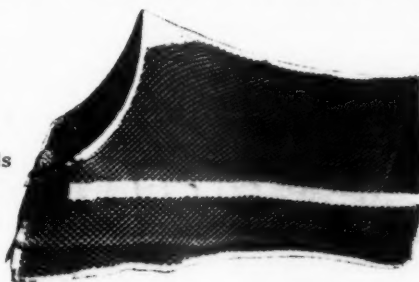
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could give, and the longer after the hare was found the better, in "Of the Hunting of an Hare" it is impressed upon the huntsman that he should mark carefully the first runs and circles of the hare, for "she will all day long hold the same ways." One hare; all day long! Life was indeed leisurely in those days.

The author goes on to explain that hunting the hare was the principal sport of the majority of country squires and farmers during the sixteenth century, but only mentions William Somerville and Peter Beckford's hare hounds. Both sprang from crosses between the same two types of hare hounds commonly in vogue in crossing the old Cotswold hound, a small hound, almost a beagle, and the old Southern hound, which was solely used for hare hunting.

The unknown author of "An Essay on Hunting," published in 1733, after mentioning hounds successful in hare hunting finally gets to beagles without enthusiasm.

"Beagles, rough or smooth, have their admirers: they spent their tongues free in treble or tenor, and go a greater rate than the southern hounds, but tail abominably. They run low to ground therefore enjoy the scent better than taller dogs, especially when the atmosphere lies low. In an enclosed country they do best, as they must with the hare, and at trailing or default, are pretty good for hedge-rows: yet I have seen eighty couple in the field, out of which, in a winter's sport, I observed not four couple that could feather or flesh; yet by the assistance of a clever huntsman, and foil well trod, I have sometimes seen pretty diversion.

"Of the two sorts I prefer the rough, or wire-haired, being generally good shouldered dogs, and well-filled.

"Smooth-haired beagles are commonly deep hung, thick lipped, and large nostrilled, but, often so soft, solid, and bad

quartered, as to be shouldershook and crippled the first season's hunt, and have frequently that unpardonable fault of crook legs, like the Tarrier or Right Bath Turnspit.

"I know admirers of this sort, but they are no favourites of mine; few will ensure a tolerable hunt, or a default bear hard charging. After two hours running, observe them crippled and down; the huntsman may go on himself, for what assistance many of them give me; and it is plain from their form and shape (for nature makes nothing in vain) that they are not designed for hard exercise."

It appears in the eighteenth century there were three distinct types of hare hounds, two of them beagles. Later beagles become more standardized and the two breeds, harriers and beagles, were separated as distinctive breeds.

In the Sportsman's Cabinet published in 1804 beagles are mentioned as creations for sportsmen unable to follow more energetic breeds.

"Previous to the present improved state of hunting, and polish of field sports, packs of beagles were frequently seen in the possession of gentlemen whose age or infirmities prevented their enjoyment of sport of a different description; but in proportion to the gradational improvements made in the different kinds of hounds (according to the different chases they were intended to pursue), the former attachment to beagles has been observed to decline. They are the smallest of the hound race used in this country, are exquisite in their scent of the hare, and indefatigably vigilant in their pursuit of her. Though wonderfully inferior in point of speed, yet equally energetic in persevering pursuit, they follow her through all her windings, unravel all her mazes, explore her labyrinths, and by the scent alone trace, and retrace her footsteps to a degree of admiration that must be seen to be properly understood; during all which the soft and melodious tone of their emulous vociferation seems to be the most predominant inducement to the well-known ecstatic pleasures of the chase.

"This slow kind of hunting was admirably adapted to age and the feminine gender; it could be enjoyed by ladies of the greatest timidity as well as gentlemen labouring under infirmity; to both of whom it was a consolation, that if they were occasionally a little way behind, there was barely a possibility of their being thrown out. A pack of this description was perfectly accommodating to the neighbouring rustics, the major part of those not being possessors of horses found it a matter of no great difficulty to be well up with them on foot. The spirit of emulation seemed formerly to be who should produce the greatest degree of merit in the smallest compass; and packs were to be seen in different parts of the most diminutive description.

"Among professed amateurs every effort was made to attain perfection, and

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Champion 15" Beagle bitch at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show, Buckram Beauty, shown by Mike Quinlan, Whipper-in.

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these indefatigable endeavours were generally attended with success. Beagles were almost uniformly so well matched, that they did not exceed 10 or 11 inches in height, and so carefully selected in respect to speed, that whenever they were running they might be covered with a sheet; and this alone is the predominant trait of celebrity in a pack of hounds, or beagles, whether great or small. These, though slow, are incredibly destructive; for if the scent lays well, the hare has very little chance of escape, and this to the object of pursuit must prove a lingering, as well as a certain death; for although in the early parts of the chase they can never get near enough the hare to press her, yet they are in general finally fatal, if even three or four hours in killing. In proportion to the increasing spirit of sporting and polish of the times, slow hunting declined, and beagles became of less repute; if being now exceedingly uncommon to see any collection of beagles beyond two or three couple, used in some districts where hares, from a variety of circumstances, are known to be scarce or with difficulty to be found."

From this it is clear that at the beginning of the nineteenth century the beagle was in a sharp decline. It was out of fashion. The old simplicity of the countryside was beginning to falter in the face of the new fashions of speed and manners. But it will be worth while to follow the Sportsman's Cabinet a little farther, for the author has much of interest to say on the beagle itself.

Later it would seem somewhat complicated to describe the various sorts and sizes adapted to the country for the best sport. A Colonel Hardy had a collection of diminutive beagles in which ten or twelve couple could be carried to and from the field in a large pair of panniers slung across a horse. One night all were stolen and never recovered.

The Sportsman's Cyclopaedia published in 1830 said the beagles were used



Champion 13" Beagle bitch at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show - Wrinkles, Sandanona Beagles, Morgan Wing, Jr., M.B.

(Freudy Photo)

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to trail a hare to her form and, in fact, not hare hunters but hare finders. A mere adjunct to coursing hounds. In 1845 the Royal Rock, the oldest pack still in existence, was founded and from then on the beagle has steadily advanced in popularity.

It describes a modern beagle as a truly splendid little hound, bred for stamina and hunting qualities, and of quite astonishing speed. "Running with a pack of beagles can be very hard exercise indeed, and requires from the followers a fund of stamina of the very first order. In fact, there are packs of 15-inch beagles which on a good scent will leave all foot followers behind and would tax a horse for a short space of time. It has always astonished me that with this excellent sport to be had for the asking, and with international competition in long-distance and cross-country running at the pitch at which it now stands, our long-distance runners are not trained over the country behind the beagles. I am sure the result in international matches would be most gratifying if this practice was adopted, and that Great Britain would do much better at the next Olympic marathon.

"In essentials the modern beagle, so far as points are concerned, differs little from the foxhound. At present, in order to come within the English Stud Book limit, the beagle must be under 16 inches in height. (Here it is 15 inches.) He should have really good sloping shoulders without any 'lumpiness' and a reasonably long neck. In a bitch the neck should be really long and fine. The dog's neck should naturally be heavier, but in both dogs and bitches there should be no fullness or coarseness. The forelegs should be absolutely straight, ending in cat paws, with the toes held well together, and the bone of the leg carried down into the foot so that there is absolutely no appearance of an ankle. The bone of the foreleg from the elbow to the foot must be large, really large; a beagle should have forelegs that look much thicker than would seem necessary. The ribs must be well sprung and really deep.

"The chest should extend an inch or so below the point of the elbow. This with well-sprung ribs will give the necessary room for the lungs and the heart. It should never be forgotten that the most necessary qualification in a beagle is heart room. The ribs should be carried well back, so that the animal is well coupled, and the back should be flat and short, the loins powerful, the quarters muscular, and the hocks very close to the ground. The stern, which should be thick at the base, should come off the level spine at right angles. Normally it should be carried straight and perpendicular, but a slight curve over the back is not objected to.

"A good hound always seems to have a good head. A good beagle head should

be set on the neck at an easy angle, should be larger in the dog than in the bitch, but should not be too large in the one or too small in the other. The eye should be kindly and set wide, and the very large ear should be hung low on the head. The true hound look is given, of course, by deep flews and a good length of muzzle, but the appearance of a beagle is not that of a foxhound. A beagle has a cheery look about him. I have never yet seen a foxhound that looked as if it had a sense of humor (though I have known one or two that most definitely had one), but I have never yet seen a good beagle that did not at first sight seem to have a real sense of fun.

"There is a good deal of difference of opinion as to the right height for a pack of beagles. The limit imposed at the Hound Show at Peterborough is 16 inches at the shoulder. This is the English Stud Book limit. But there are several packs hunting in England whose hounds are over 16 inches in height. Actually, no matter what the limit imposed by the Stud Book, the best size for a pack of beagles is determined by the nature of the country to be hunted. If the country is open and hilly, or if it contains miles of heather or bracken, it is obvious that the hounds have got to be big and strong, at least 16 inches, and probably more. But if the country is not too large and there is plenty of plough and grass

alternating, then a pack of 14 1/2 hounds will be big enough. The trouble with hounds of 16 inches and over is that they are so fast that the majority of the field cannot keep anywhere near them under any conditions, and when in pursuit of a straight-running hare they will leave any man living well behind."

Another quotation from "An Essay on Hunting" mentions that slow hounds will generally pack best and that it is difficult to procure an even pack of fast hare hounds, which makes it quite apparent that over two hundred years ago hare hounds were being carefully bred for pack hunting.

Hunting with beagles has become a great sport as the breed has proven itself much more satisfactory for American uses than either bassets or harriers which are more popular in packs in England. Even in hunting the hard running hare, harriers are difficult to keep up with on foot, especially in fenced country. Some maintain bassets are superior in nose and voice but they have not caught on like beagles in our all-over scheme.

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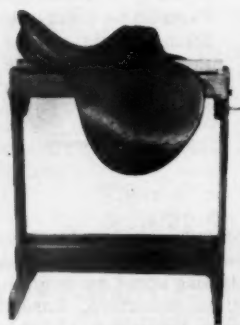


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Annual Beagle and Foxhound Shows at Clonmel

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There was a record entry of 126 hounds from 14 Irish packs at the Annual Beagle Show, organised by the Irish Masters of Beagles Association, on Wednesday, July 23, the first day of Clonmel Horse Show.

The show takes place in the Hound Pavilion which was erected in 1914, near the jumping enclosure, as a memorial to the Marquis of Waterford, who was one of the leading hound-breeders and huntsmen of his time.

This year's Beagle Show was the highest possible tribute to the enthusiasm and untiring organising ability of Mr. Arthur G. Ryan, honorary secretary to the Irish Masters of Beagles Association. It was entirely through his efforts that the first Beagle Show was held in Clonmel in 1950 and an Irish Beagle Stud Book brought into being. That year there were only eight registered packs in Ireland

The Judges invited Major Victor McCalmont, chairman of the Irish Masters of Beagles Association and joint-master of the Kilkenny Foxhounds, to decide the winner of the class for the Best Entered Bitch; and they invited the author to decide on the Champion Bitch of the show.

Last year, it was the unentered bitch class which placed the judges in a quandary, but this year it was the class for entered bitches. As there were twenty-seven lovely sorts (an Irish record!) in this class, one can sympathise with the hard-worked Judges.

The Bitch Championships entailed further difficulties. This was one of the hardest decisions I ever had to make in my lifetime. Out of a big and good quality class, the Championship finalists were Waterford Cobweb and Corduff Gravity. This would have been an ideal opportunity for me to have repaid the Waterford

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field (Cos. Clare and Limerick), Shandon Foot (Co. Cork), Tallow Foot (Co. Waterford), and Ardfinnan (Co. Tipperary).

An interesting feature in the Dog Hound Championship was that in 1957 a son (Wellfort Bowman) beat his sire (Wellfort Dummer Cranberry, the 1956 Champion); while this year, a sire (Midleton Sentry) beat his son (Midleton Cobbler), who was the winner of the Unentered Class.

Black and Tans

It was encouraging to see that there are some useful-looking black-and-tans coming along in the young classes. The fact that they were not lucky enough to win prizes is immaterial. What matters is that this grand old Irish type is still being bred.

An item which might be profitably noted by all who show hounds in the ring was the Judge's gentle rebuke to a particularly energetic exhibitor. The painstaking Judge was doing his best to sort out the unusually big class of 27 good-looking entered bitches. Eventually, he had to ask the exhibitor to stand still until he could get a chance to get a proper



PETERBOROUGH

(LEFT) - Champion Dog Beagle at the Peterborough Beagle Show, 1958 - Newcastle and District's Champion.

(RIGHT) - Bolebroke Tantrum - Champion Bitch Beagle at the Peterborough Beagle Show. (Frank H. Meads Photos).



and all eight were represented at the first show. This year, there were fourteen packs at the Show; there are nineteen registered packs and at least three newly-formed packs preparing to qualify for registration. Eight years is an insignificant period in the history of hunting in almost any country, but thanks to this first-class organiser and to the whole-hearted co-operation of all the Irish and several British Masters, it has been a remarkably fruitful period for beagling in Ireland.

Quality Bitches

In keeping with the general improvement, the quality of the hounds seems to have improved out of all recognition. On two occasions the Judges had to request the help of two independent judges before a decision could be reached. These were co-opted from the ringside audience.

joint-Masters for their kindness and help on several occasions. Although every human feeling urged me to give the Championship to Waterford, Corduff Gravity looked the better hound in the ring and I awarded her the rosette as the Champion Bitch of the Show.

The Judges were Dr. R. N. Craig, who was Master of the Stoke Hill Beagles, Devon, for 19 seasons and Master of the East Devon Foxhounds for seven seasons; and Colonel D. E. C. Price, former Master of the Scarteen Black-and-Tans and of the Wexford Hounds.

The following packs competed:- Waterford Beagles, Wellfort (County Galway and Offaly), Corduff (Co. Dublin), Curragh Foot (Co. Kildare), Goldburn (Cos. Meath & Dublin), Gorey and District (Co. Wexford), Holy-Cross (Co. Tipperary), Kilfeacle (Co. Tipperary), Maryboro Foot (Co. Cork), Midleton Foot (Co. Cork), Oat-

look at his hound. One can heartily sympathise with the Judge, for while an energetic exhibitor is preferable to one who seems indifferent, he should realise that, when he has a hound standing well and showing to the best advantage, he should let him remain so until the Judge has had a chance to study its conformation. Flicking biscuits or scraps of liver to keep the hound incessantly on the move can be overdone.

A new trophy, "Comnramh Chiceam", was presented this year by the Officers of the 13th Battalion, Southern Command, for the Best Unentered Bitch, only hounds bred by the Master or his predecessor of the Pack showing them to be eligible. It is good to see the Irish Army taking an added interest in beagling. The Curragh Foot and the Kilfeacle Beagles were both started several years ago by serving

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Tewksbury Foot Bassets

Advice to the Field

It is realized that the majority of subscribers are well aware of all the thoughts and suggestions listed below. We are sending this letter, however, for those new to the sport and most particularly for the younger people who we are delighted to have out with us. Observance of the items listed will minimize inconvenience to the farmers and landowners to whom we are continually indebted for the protection of hare and for permission to hunt on their property.

1. **FIELD MASTER:** Mr. John Eyre will act as Field Master. In his absence he will appoint a substitute who will wear a blue arm band.

2. **FENCES:** Slide under wire fences where possible; otherwise, climb wire and rail fences AT THE POST. Close all gates and put up all bar ways.

3. **SEEDED FIELDS:** In wet weather all newly seeded fields must be avoided. The most common crop easily damaged is winter wheat. If in doubt, ask the Field Master.

4. **KINDLY REPORT** to the Masters or Field Master all broken rails, open gates, loose stock, etc.

5. **BE CAREFUL** with cigarettes and matches in dry weather.

6. **CARS:** We meet at peoples' houses and hunt across their land as the result of their kindness and cooperation. Therefore, it is most important that all subscribers and car followers show the utmost consideration. Especially please do not: a. Park on grass edges; b. Drive through property without permission; c. Block road ways by parking or by turning around in congested places.

The following additional suggestions, if followed, will improve the sport and thereby contribute to increased enjoyment by all.

a. Be guided by the Field Master at all times and especially when hounds are drawing for a hare. He will usually ask the field to spread out on as broad a front as possible and thereby increase chances of finding promptly.

b. When hounds are at a check or running on a light scent they are distracted by noise and therefore, it's important not to talk loudly or make other noise at these times. Children rough-housing are the worst offenders on this. Always stand still in one place when hounds have checked.

c. If you come late or leave early and should view deer or a hare at some distance from the pack, it is very helpful if you can manage to convey this information to the Masters.

Thanks very much,

Haliburton Fales II
James S. Jones
Joint Masters

Clonmel

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Officers:- Captain Reg Alvey, who is still Master and Huntsman of the Curragh; and Lieut-Colonel P. C. Blake, who is the organising genius behind the very active Kilfeacle Club.

Rough Coated Beagles

A novelty at the Show was the entry of a couple of rough-coated beagles, Midleton Foot Barbara (By Catterick Barber '50 out of Charlotte '52A) and her daughter Barmaid 58A by Sentry '55 (this year's Best Stallion Hound and Champion Doghound of the Show). Rough-coated beagles are very unusual in Ireland. They look a sweet wistful couple, and although they didn't win a prize, at least one of the Judges and several spectators wouldn't

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have objected if someone had slipped them into the back of their car!

Results in brief:-

Best unentered dog - 1. Midleton Foot, Cobbler; 2. Holy-Cross, Moonshine; 3. Maryboro Foot, Dealer.
Best entered doghound - 1. Kilfeacle, Diehard '55; 2. Ardinnan, Liberty; 3. Maryboro Foot, Marcus '55.
Best stallion hound - 1. Midleton Foot, Sentry '55; 2. Maryboro Foot, Marcus '55; 3. Same Hunts, Deverish '51.
Best couple of doghounds - 1. Gorey and Dirtrick, Bahler '57A and Ranji; 2. Holy-Cross, Marquis '58 and Matador '58; 3. Kilfeacle Diehard '55 and Gallant '54A.
Doghound champion - Midleton Foot, Sentry '55. Reserve Champion Midleton Foot, Cobbler '57. (An unusual feature was that these hounds were sire and son).
Best unentered bitch - 1. Midleton Foot, Biscuit; 2. Maryboro Foot, Beauty; 3. Midleton Foot, Colleen.
Best entered bitch - 1. Corduff, Gravity '57; 2. Wellfort, Blameless '57A; 3. Curragh Foot, Blossom '53.
Best brood bitch - 1. Waterford, Cobweb '54A; 2. Corduff, Ardent '53; 3. Midleton Foot Charlotte '52A.
Best couple of bitches, of any age - 1. Goldburn, Wagtail '55 and Wilful '55; 2. Midleton Foot, Colleen '58 and Chloe '58A; 3. Oakfield, Hazel '55 and Juno '56.
Best two couple of bitches - 1. Goldburn Wagtail '55, Wilful '55, Bribery '54 and Blissful '58; 2. Holy-Cross, Homelyn '55, Laurel '57, Lapwing '57 and Linnet '57.
Bitch champion - Corduff Gravity '57, Reserve Champion Waterford Cobweb '54A.

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GONE TO GROUND - Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., Mrs. Grew and Robin Walker.

The Waldingfield Beagles

The Waldingfield Beagles had one of their best seasons during 1957-1958. Hunted by Mrs. John Grew and whipped into by John Grew, Carol Lyman, Betty Smith and Howard Pike, they went out on an average of two days a week all season, and entered packs at the Gladstone, the National and the Bay State trials as well as the Merrimac and North Shore pack trials and were able to make a good showing everywhere they made entries. Their Noanet Newsman by Waldingfield Postman-Waldingfield Noodles won the Forger Cup for the best 15" hound in the 3 hour stake class at the National. Fixture cards were sent out for meets during March and April which is the best time of year for hunting the cottontail in our country, Norfolk County and Bristol County, Massachusetts. An average of 10 couple of hounds were kept in the kennels at the Grews and at the Childs. Three litters of puppies were raised. Noanet Nugget turned out to be our best stud dog. He is also by Postman out of Noodles and has succeeded in winning the 13" stake class at the Nationals twice. He is a heavy set, deep voiced hound who never blows up but hunts consistently and calmly at all times.

Perhaps our best day of hunting was on April 5th when we met at the Tuckermans in Westport. The day was made the more interesting by the presence of

Robin Walker and his friend Raymond Uliot who had motored all the way from Montreal for the meet. Mr. Walker is one of the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic hunting men I have had the privilege to meet and the long discussions of hunting with fox hounds and beagles in England, Ireland and this country was made the more interesting by the presence of Bunny Almy, who also contributed much to the exchange of ideas about pack hunting way into the night.

Sister and Johnny Grew gave their all to make this last season a great success; so much so that they felt they could not keep on training, hunting and caring for such a large pack. It was decided then at the end of the season to split up the hounds with the Grews taking one half and continuing in a small way as the Noanet Beagles. Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman and I have kept 7 hounds, 3 old ones and 4 puppies, with the object in view of keeping the Waldingfield blood lines going. Since that time we have had a litter of 4 puppies and have again bred a bitch to Blackwelder's Pepper. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., has been hunting these hounds in Westport with Dr. Barbara Veit and Rusty Keith as whippers-in. We hope to work out a system whereby we can keep the Waldingfield Beagles together and hunting formally once more, and we should

like to compete once again with at least a two couple at the Nationals.

It gave me great satisfaction at the Nationals last November to discover that there were 8 packs competing there all of which contained hounds either bred by Waldingfield or had Waldingfield blood one generation back. And finally the crowning satisfaction was to watch Sister Grew's triumph there with the 8 hounds she had kept from the Waldingfield pack.

Josiah H. Child

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scenting day in which hounds killed twice, lost after thirty minutes and then hunted a line 40 minutes cold for about half a mile.

The last day of the season was however the best. A fine hare kicked up by the field near Mr. Ingersoll's gate and ran into a small wood. The hounds, following on scent, put up four deer who ran out behind hounds followed by the hare. Hounds, still on scent, carried the hare's line until, after 1/2 mile, it diverged from the deer, whereupon they pushed on to kill their quarry in a total of thirty minutes. Another fast run from the polo field to Henry MacAdoo's, then through Ingersoll's to Hardwicks'; back along the pipe line to Ingersoll's gate, thence to Calhoun's, and the end of a fine season made possible by an energetic staff and hospitable land-owners.

This season opened with vast fields (up to 100 persons), excellent weather and only fair sport. Accident and sickness has struck many pack leaders but on opening day we had two fast bursts, the first on a fox found in Mr. Cox's paddock and marked in Mr. George Ingersoll's woods after twenty minutes, and a good run of twenty minutes on a hare found in Mr. MacAdoo's pasture.

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FROM START TO FINISH, FIRST STEPS TO FLAT-RACE RIDING. JOHN HISLOP. FOREWORD BY SIR GORDON RICHARDS. ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN SKEAPING. LONDON, HUTCHINSON, 1958, pp 206, 18 shillings.

This is a book by one of England's leading turf journalists who has been an amateur jockey for more than 25 years, during 13 of which he was the leading non-professional rider on the flat. Mr. Hislop first offers some practical advice on the various careers to be made in racing and how to get started. He divides a jockey's education into four stages: basic horsemanship, riding at exercise, riding fast work, and riding in public, each of which receives a separate chapter. Subsequent chapters discuss riding engagements, tactics, the whip, riding "dogs", tricks of the trade, fitness, temperament, nerve, weight, reputation and finance. Although race riding in England differs somewhat from race riding in this country, the fundamental principles are the same and so are most of the details. This is an invaluable book, not only for those who propose to make race riding their profession, but also for those who want to ride in local point-to-points or at the hunt race meetings. A. M.-S.

AMERICA'S RIDING HORSES, A GUIDE TO ALL BREEDS FOR THE AMATEUR. BY CAPTAIN HARRY P. ORCUTT AND BEN AVIS ORCUTT, PRINCETON, N.J., D. VAN NOSTRAND CO., 1958, pp 280, ILLUS., \$7.50.

This is a book which, in less than 300 pages, covers all the breeds of horses and ponies used for riding in the United States; how to select a suitable breed; chapters on stable management, feeding, grooming, shoeing, veterinary remedies, equipment, breeding, training, riding and horse shows. Obviously, in order to include all these topics within this limited compass, the authors have had to be brief. For those who know little or nothing about horses and ponies, it is probably the best introductory text available. Those who have already acquired some knowledge of these subjects, will not find that it adds much to that knowledge and will probably take exception to some of the statements which it contains. On the other hand, the book fully fulfills its purpose and is for that reason a valuable addition to this country's literature on the horse. A. M.-S.

THE TRAVELS OF WILLIAM BARTRAM, 1791. NATURALIST'S EDITION. EDITED BY FRANCIS HARPER. PUBLISHED BY YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS, NEW HAVEN, CONN., 1958, pp. 727, ILLUS., \$8.50.

In the debate which has long raged between foxhunters as to whether the red fox was native to the South, the historians of sport have often cited "Travels Through North and South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida" by the great naturalist William Bartram, published in Philadelphia in 1791. On page 282 of the original edition appears the following passage: "The foxes of Carolina and Florida are of the smaller red species; they bark in the night round about plantations, but do not bark twice in the same place; they move precipitately and in a few minutes are heard on the opposite side of the plantation, or at a great distance; it is said that dogs are terrified

at the noise, and cannot be persuaded or compelled to pursue them, they commit depredations on young pigs, lambs, poultry, &c."

The above has often been cited to the effect that the red fox was native to the South.

In the volume under review, Francis Harper has performed a great service in producing a "naturalist's edition" of Bartram which identifies with exactitude the flora and fauna which Bartram observed in the course of his travels. On page 510 of his edition the editor very definitely identifies the foxes mentioned by Bartram as gray foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*).

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precedented success by our riders and horses.

Additionally, the U.S.E.T. fielded a Three-Day Team as well as representatives in the Dressage event at the international competitions. The recently-held Wofford Cup Trials at Colorado Springs resulted in the selection of six riders who will continue training for the Pan American Three-Day Event, while last month's National Open Dressage Event at Michigan gives promise that the U.S.E.T. will be equally well represented in that demanding field.

Now, with the 1959 Pan American Games in Chicago and the 1960 Olympics in Rome almost upon us, the need of the U.S.E.T. for financial aid is greater than ever. Toward this end, we are appealing to U.S. horse shows for assistance.

In the past, many shows have designated their events as "U.S.E.T. Benefit" shows. In 1958, such a show, put on by Mrs. F. P. Sears at Hamilton, Mass., netted this organization over \$6,000. The Helping Hand Show, Syosset, L. I., turned over a sum in excess of \$1,700.

In 1957, Mr. A. J. Long of Cincinnati, Ohio, staged a benefit "Day in the Country", a horse show held upon his estate. This resulted in over \$4,500, being

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Early morning hunting started the end of August and continued Saturdays, Sundays and holidays until the opening meet which was held at Pidcock Farm on October 12th. Hounds go out each Sunday afternoon and sport thus far has been very satisfactory. The month of October was less dry than usual. Fields average seventy five people and the supply of native European hare has been encouraging.

We hunt a mixed pack of 13 1/2 couples of which 6 1/2 couples are second season hounds. All of these are improving steadily. There was no entry put on this year but we propose to breed more extensively in the future and will try to raise four litters next summer. The very large quantity of deer makes them somewhat less of a problem than with the packs which have only a few. Our many hard working honorary whips are a great help at all times.

On November 2nd we had a most enjoyable joint meet in our country with the Buckram Beagles of Syosset, Long Island. The Bassets hunted from Cedar Lane Farm in the morning and showed moderate sport. We were delighted to have the many enthusiastic Buckram followers out with us. At 2:30 the Beagles met at Gubelman's Bridge in a light rain. Two brown hare were

put up and ran toward thick cover and deer areas so that hounds were stopped at the first check in each case. A third hare, found later in the afternoon, was hunted extremely nicely for almost two hours before being lost at dark at the Island Farm.

Given reasonable weather we should be able to look forward to some enjoyable

hunting through the coming months.

Our T.F.B. Elmer '54 was best entered dog hound, best stallion hound and Champion dog hound at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show in September. T.F.B. also won the four couples class at both the Gladstone, N. J., and Aldie, Va., Field Trials in the early part of November.

In this connection it is encouraging to note the arrival on the scene at Aldie of one new pack of Bassets from Somerset, Va., and the rumored formation of three additional packs, one in Virginia, one in Maryland, and one at St. Louis, Mo.

At the present time there are five packs registered with the National Beagle Club: Poona, Millbrook, N. Y.; Skycastle, Chester Springs, Pa.; Timber Ridge, Hempstead, Md.; Tewksbury Foot Bassets, Potterville, N. J.; and Stockford Bassets, Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Charles Rodgers, Master of the Timber Ridge Bassets, has been appointed as the Basset delegate on the National Beagle Club Executive Committee. J.S.J.



CALL IT COINCIDENCE

Since the end of hunting last March, Gyp, belonging to Gen. Bryan Conrad, White Post, Va., was lame. As cub hunting drew near vain attempts were made to put the horse in work, but he always trotted lame on the longe. So, sadly, the Conrads came to the conclusion they would be short one hunter this year. One day, the Blue Ridge Hunt met at Sunnybrook, the Conrads' farm. Hounds found nearby and streamed across the Conrads' fields in full cry. The next day, Gyp was longed again - and he was sound! Needless to say, he is back in the hunting field, much to everyone's delight. M. M. T.



Tewksbury Foot Bassets' opening meet at Pidcock Farm, Oct. 12 - (L. to r.): Hali-burton Fales II, Jr. Master; James S. Jones, Jr. Master and Huntsman; Betsy Borman, James Peale, Margaret Wemple and Richard Hull, Honorary Whippers-in.



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Sport has been very good this fall, largely due to the great number of native cottontails in our area. The end of October brought an outstanding day which we remember in particular. It was clear over head, damp under-foot and scent was good with rabbits running well. We began by drawing the large brood mare field near the kennel and found at once. After circling the field several times our rabbit took cover in a briar thicket and hounds were hard put to chase him out. A few minutes of good work and hounds were off running across open fields and into the large neighboring wood. Here the following field found it extremely difficult to keep up with hounds due to the down trees, limbs and general damage caused by the ice storms of the past winter. Leaving the wood we entered rather dense growth on "Barren Hill", pictured in name only. Here broom grass laced with a heavy covering of honey-suckle made the scenting difficult. By now our rabbit had been running twenty minutes and he finally went to ground, bringing a welcome check to the field.

A few hundred yards down the hill, Bell Hop, Moonlight and Lofty found a second rabbit. They led the pack, showing the way with the young hounds harking to them, crossing the stream below and into the neighboring pasture. Due to a close start, good scent and fast running hounds another thirty minutes brought the kill of the day. Our luck continued in finding rabbits and we were able to give our visitors good sport for the remainder of the day.

Aldie Notes

The construction of the new water supply dam probably was the cause of the great rains in Virginia this summer. However, an assured water supply may have been influential in the large attendance at this year's trial. The moving of two cabins from Squaw Hill certainly added much to the enjoyment of the weaker sex, even though the invasion of the ladies to the sacred Master's Quadrangle required a bit of black ribbon to be draped over the pictures of Jimmy Appleton (Waldingfield) and Chetwood Smith (Sir Sister). Even in the sacred halls of Beagledom, time marches on. North Country's delegation, in addition to Master Backus, had General Bob Bartlett and Metamora M.F.H. Ed Parker. Treweryn, with their customary strong following of rooters, certainly led the delegations for the title

of "most loyal" followers. Commander Foreman, Dr. Frank and Elizabeth Whitehouse, and Dr. Robert Cox were at hand to represent the south. In addition to the Gammacks, Callans, Williamses, Adele and Tom Quinn, Old Chatham had added Peter Hoes to their growing forces. The Forth Estate was well represented by Bob Slike, Ike Carrol and Chuck Durrett. Jean DuPont and son John were back in field competition with the Liseter and this added to the ever-growing competitive quality of the trial at Aldie. Jo Child, who had been grounded by arthritis for a number of months, could not bring Waldingfield, but he did get down himself and judged the Basset class ably. To find Ollie Iselin just like his old self was most pleasant. Betty Iselin, as usual, handled the most difficult part of the trial - feeding the brutes. Her most important role is a marvel to all that come annually to Aldie.

It was most pleasing to many to view the improvements that have been made at the Institute farm during the last year, and it was equally pleasing to learn that an extensive land clearing project is planned for the coming season so that we can all look forward to the seventieth trial being the greatest ever.

"The Case of Henry Gammack"

It is not possible to treat this affair properly in this article. It certainly will go down in the annals of the Sixty-ninth National. The trial will be highlighted in a separate article. There is no doubt that

the Defense Counsel, Henri Prunaret, Master of Sir Sister, engineer and well-known Boston "sea lawyer", coupled with the Appellate Counsel, Robert Montgomery Scott, a real "Philadelphia" lawyer, left Loudoun County with a low record for Southern justice. More of this at some later date, but, as the Prosecuting Counsel Thomas Quinn stated "it was a Democratic year anyway". The Dishonorable Justice, Morgan Wing Jr., presiding, and the Court Clerk, Charles K. Backus, together with the jury, hardly gave the miserable defendant a fair chance to clear himself of the innumerable charges brought against him. It would seem that the case should be appealed to a higher court.

A. Tufter



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or evening almost anywhere in the country. The real beagler must be a hound lover above everything else. Most of the men and women who follow beagles enjoy the outdoor influences they bring about, the exercise, and the opportunities of watching hounds at work.

It's great to be a beagler!



"BEWARE MR. HARE."

(Courtesy of Hounds and Hunting).

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turned over to the U.S.E.T.

A different approach to the problem was effected by the Vermont Horse Shows Association, which recommended that each member show add twenty-five cents to each entry fee. This added charge was then donated to the U.S.E.T. This plan was highly successful.

Other efforts by shows have taken the form of "hatpassing" and selling car stickers. These, too, have materially helped the U.S.E.T.

This, then, is a frank appeal to shows for their support. The U.S.E.T. feels that American horsemen across the country will want to help this effort to place a top-notch U.S. Team on the field for both the Pan American and Olympic Games. Victory is our goal - but the team belongs to everyone.

If I can be of any assistance in planning any benefit effort, I would be happy to do whatever is possible. Please feel free to call upon me at any time.

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Dear Sir:

It is quite obvious that Sourpuss does not want it, i.e. the Three-Day Event. And why should he want it, nobody asks him. But is it right that because Sourpuss has not the slightest idea of what riding in a Three-Day Event involves and maybe therefore does not want it? Is it right that he should deny others who do understand and are willing to learn the privilege of this kind of competition? While Sourpuss' riding aspirations seem to be fulfilled if he can kick the brute in a slow

canter, there are others who prefer to ride a gymnasticized horse, responding to the subtlest of indications of its rider. This is not mechanization, no more than if one would call playing the violin mechanization. Sourpuss should not worry about Mr. and Mrs. America's riding possibilities. There is plenty of choice - they can ride western, or saddle horses

and they even can take Capt. Vladimir S. Littauer's easy course. But please, Sourpuss, don't interfere with those who want to occupy themselves with equitation, because they consider riding to be an art.
Philippos

Wanted

Dear Sir:

Has Sourpuss ever seen the mechanically perfect horse of which he writes and, if so, will he tell us where it may be found? It should prove quite an attraction as an exhibition at the shows.

Seriously, I don't believe Sourpuss needs to worry about his relaxation. People who prefer untrained horses will always be able to find them; indeed in a pinch they'll be capable, I'm sure, of un-training a made horse. The only thing I can think of that would threaten their peace of mind would be the sight (?) of everyone getting a better, safer ride on a trained horse. According to Sourpuss this is unlikely; so why worry?

Angela Cooke

Rehoboth, Mass.

ADDITIONAL WHIPPER-IN

The Chronicle has been advised by wire that David Lewis, Jr. has been added to the Noanet Beagles, Dover, Mass., as a junior whipper-in.



NANTUCKET HOODWINK '53 - Champion Bitch Bryn Mawr Hound Show - 1954, 1955, 1956; Grand Champion Beagle Bryn Mawr Hound Show 1957; Best 15" Beagle on the bench at National Beagle Club Field Trials 1958; Winner 15" Three Hour Special Pack Stake at National Beagle Club Field Trials 1958.

She has produced twenty puppies up-to-date. All sired by Treweryn Bugler. One a Champion at Bryn Mawr 1957 and one reserve Champion (to herself) 1956. With four couples of her puppies and her litter brother, they were the best pack at Bryn Mawr 1957. With 6 1/2 couples of her puppies and two other hounds they were the best 8 couple pack in the field at the National Beagle Club Field Trials in 1958.

Hoodwink is owned by Mrs. David B. Sharp, Jr., Master of the Nantucket Beagles which are kenneled at Nantucket in the Summer and West Chester R. D. #2, Pennsylvania in the Winter. This is a private pack hunting at the convenience of the Master.
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Here is an aerial view of the proposed new grass and dirt courses at Laurel Race Course, Laurel, Md., home of the \$100,000 invitational Washington, D. C. International.

Laurel Grows And Grows

1 - The grass course will be increased from the present "about seven furlongs" to one mile (eight furlongs). It will be an exact course with the proper markers being displayed.

2 - The front and back stretches of the grass course will be widened to 80 feet.

3 - The turns of the new grass course will be 100 feet wide, well-banked and with a radius of 380 feet, giving Laurel one of the safest and most easily-negotiable curves in the world of Thoroughbred horse racing on the grass.

4 - For the International race only, a new finish line will be installed 150 feet from the lower or clubhouse turn, giving the International a stretch run of 1,345 feet or 448 yards, more than a quarter of a mile. This is the second longest stretch in the country. The grass course at Washington Park has a run of 1,478 feet, longest in the country, but its turns have a smaller radii than Laurel's.

5 - A gooseneck aluminum rail will be installed along the inside of the grass course, replacing the present hedge. In addition, a 10-foot extension has been built to Martin's specifications to be used prior to the International Race for everyday grass racing. On the day of the International, the extension will be removed and the contestants in the \$100,000 global event will have untouched turf, 10 feet out, over which to run.

6 - The dirt course will be increased from its present mile to a mile and an eighth (nine furlongs).

7 - Two new chutes will be installed along the dirt course. A new mile chute will be constructed so as to join the main track at the entrance to the backstretch, and the present six furlongs chute will be extended to seven furlongs. The present mile and a quarter chute at the head of the homestretch will become a mile and three-eighths chute. Races at a mile and a sixteenth will be dropped because of the short

run to the first turn.

8 - Due to the major enlargement of the two courses, it will become necessary to abandon some of the parking area beyond the lower turn, involving some 800 cars. However, the northern 10-acre section of the area across the railroad tracks will be cleared for parking, giving Laurel room for 1,500 more cars than the present capacity of 12,000.

9 - On the newly-acquired property east of the stable area, a five and a half furlongs training track will be constructed. Future planning also calls for more barns being built in this area.

10 - It is also planned to enlarge the present ramp north of the grandstand and install additional facilities there to increase the capacity of the track by 10,000 more people.

LESTER PIGGOTT

On the day of the running of The Gallant Fox at a mile and five-eighths (there ought to be more of those) at Jamaica, on November 15, Lester Piggott was looking at the races from an unaccustomed side of the rail, the spectators' side.

As you know, Lester Piggott is a twenty-three year old English lad. If he isn't the best jockey in Europe, you'll have to look pretty hard to find his better. Last year, he won three of the five English classics plus the German Derby plus the Ascot Gold Cup. This year, he has been gathering wins in major races all over Europe like a country girl picking daisies.

Lester's style of riding is more like Bill Hartack's than like Willie Shoemaker's. He doesn't sit chilly and he gets out of his mount what there is to get. Personally he couldn't be more pleasant.

The occasion for his being at Jamaica was just to look at the races. He had ridden Baron Henry Thyssen's Orsini II to fifth in the Washington D. C. Inter-

national, four days before. Piggott's next stop after Jamaica was to be South Africa where he will ride this winter. He may return via Santa Anita. That will be determined later.

Lester's comments on the International, in which Orsini II was somewhat more prominent than his fifth place finish would indicate, were interesting. Orsini II came out sharply on a turn smacking Ballymoss which in turn smacked Clem. Clem didn't like it and quit running. It didn't do Ballymoss any good either. He finished third. What caused Orsini II to come out was a loose twig sticking out of the inside hedge. As to why Orsini II didn't do better, Lester said merely that, "He couldn't run that far."

R. J. Clark



Raleigh Burroughs

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Each day, he posted a "Form" where all sports-minded servicemen had access to it. The lads picked their horses and made their bets. The next a.m. the sponsor of the game put up the results and the next day's past performances.

He did a tremendous business and grew rich rapidly. But there was a mean coyote a-waiting for him in the draw - a character with a memory.

This unscrupulous cur had been to the 1939 Keeneland fall meeting (I think it was) and, tucked away in his brain, was a rather complete record of what had happened. And, every day, the date of the posted paper came closer to the opening date of the 1939 fall meeting at Keeneland.

No lover of the Thoroughbred ever more eagerly greeted the beginning of a meeting than this votary. When a well-thumbed issue of the Racing Form signaled that Keeneland had opened, that cold day on the Aleutians, he was ready.

And the kid was smart. He didn't make every race a winning one. He dropped a few dollars now and then to show there were no cards up his sleeve, but, by the time the Keeneland session had run its course, the bookie had run his. He was whipped for every nickel.

Even without past performances, Mr. Margolin (of Tex McCrary, Inc.) feels that ocean-going tote-betting may be the "harbinger of a new era of tourist and resort prosperity.

"Many feel," he says, "that increased shipboard entertainment may even be the maritime industry's answer to the jet plane."

I think Mr. Margolin is unduly concerned about air competition. Anybody who enjoyed the shipboard entertainment possible on the Albany night boat or the Baltimore-to-Norfolk boat knows that the jet plane people haven't scratched the surface. They haven't got time.

Chronicle Cover

In the Country



The drawing of the beagle reproduced on our "Beagle Issue" cover is one of a series of dogs done for the Gaines Meal Company, a division of the General Foods, Inc. The 8" x 10" reproductions on heavy paper were given away in 1956 to anyone who sent in the front panel from a bag containing the company's dog food.

Mrs. Patty Kortlandt, our horse show editor and head of our composing department, sent for one of the reproductions. It was framed and the soulful expression of the beagle prompted her to title it "No Hunting Today". The handsome sketch has been hanging in our composing room for the past two years. The plate for our cover was made from the reproduction. M. R.

FASIG-TIPTON MEETING

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Fasig-Tipton Co., principal vendor in this country of Thoroughbred horses at auction, was held November 24th at The Jockey Club executive room, New York City. The following officers and directors were re-elected: Humphrey S. Finney, president and general manager; L. P. Doherty, vice-president; Daniel G. Van Clief, secretary; McGhee Tyson Gilpin, treasurer; Jeanne N. Barnes, assistant secretary; David Morenberg, assistant treasurer; Melville Church II, L. P. Doherty, Humphrey S. Finney, McGhee Tyson Gilpin, John W. Hanes, Henry H. Knight, John A. Morris, Whitney Stone, Daniel G. Van Clief and Mrs. Joseph Walker, Jr., directors.

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SUMMIT HUNT

If the recently reactivated Summit Hunt can be taken as a criterion, the future generation of foxhunters is assured. Virtually all of the Summit activities are based around the juniors and are designed for their foxhunting education. Except for the huntsman, the entire hunt is staffed by juniors. Assignments are rotated among the twelve juniors who hunt regularly, so that each has an opportunity to whip hounds and act as field master. At each meet assignments to staff are made and the duties of each position are reviewed. Through this method the youngsters are developing a good appreciation of hound work and a real enthusiasm for the sport. In addition, they are becoming bolder and more proficient horsemen.

During the hunts the Joint Masters and Huntsman observe the juniors closely, and at the end of a day a critique is held to correct technical errors and breaches of procedure. K. C. B.

WHITNEY'S GOOD HURDLER

Ambassador to the Court of St. James, Mr. J. H. Whitney, has a first class young hurdler in the three-year-old of 1958 Tungsten, who on December 6th won his third consecutive race when taking the two mile Pershore Juvenile Hurdle at Worcester.

Tungsten was a disappointment on the flat, for he failed to win though placed several times. By Big Game he is out of Asiatic Metal. Whitney has another good young hurdler in Green Light. P. T-C.



Harvie Stanford, of the Bexar Hare Beagle Club, San Antonio, Texas, right on the job. Sgt. Stanford, an old cowhand from west Texas, takes time out from training troops as a "Top Kick" in the Fourth Army, to do a little training with his nice pack of field trial beagles.

(Courtesy of Hounds and Hunting)

RED WILLIAMS

U. M. (Red) Williams will be remembered in many ways. He was an insurance man, a City Councilman, a politician, rough and tumble when necessary, a neighborhood counselor and raconteur and - as he often described himself - "just a simple redheaded Irishman".

But those who know him best will recall him as a foxhunter, who went with his hounds to the hills at night to drive the fox, often 'till daybreak. He could go alone, or he could be the tall, story-telling figure in the center of a campfire group on a Saturday night.

It was in this way that he spent his happiest hours for nearly half a century. Generations of hounds ran their hearts out for him, and in return he gave them a sort of immortality by building legends about their names.

Red Williams at various times had hunted all over Middle Tennessee, but the southwest quarter of Davidson County

There's another thing to remember about this foxhunter. Everybody said he could blow a horn better than any other man who ever lifted one to lip. On a cold, clear night he could stand on a high hill and set the countryside atremble with a rolling, echoing, sweet-sad haunting music that could be heard from Richland Creek to Harpeth River. Many, many men would hear it and all would say: "Red Williams is hunting tonight." And there was never one among them who did not call him friend.

(Charles Moss
in "The Nashville Banner")

MY PLACING

The catalogue of the 1958 Canadian National Exhibition contained at the foot of each class, a line beginning with the words "My Placing" with room for the numbers of the winning animals from first to sixth. Directly beneath this was another line marked "Judges' Placing" with comparable space below for placings. A chance for the experts.



Model and Benefit winning Treweryn 13" couple of bitches at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show in 1956 and again in 1958. Both of these dual-purpose hounds also placed in the National three hour stake last fall.

knew him best. It was as though nightfall removed all property lines, and Red, welcome anywhere, was lord of a wide domain.

He had names for all his favorite places. Some of these place-names grew out of his own experience. Others were handed down by hunters gone before. These were meeting and campfire spots, places where the fox was likely to "cross" or areas where the rascal often could be jumped.

There was the Rock Fence, Caney Knob (overlooking Veterans Hospital), the High Pastures (the present Warner Parks), the Low Gap, the Oak Tree, Joslin Hollow (now Jocelyn), the Old Road, the Rock Quarry, Signal Hill, the Cedar Thicket, Hell's Half Acre, Buzzard's Bluff, Sulphur Spring and a host of other names tied to the land.

These night locations live now only in the minds of a dwindling company of men. Most of the old names have been erased, deprived of a need for being in a maze of new subdivisions, asphalt drives, carports and picture windows.

COL. AHERN

Frederick Ahern, former Olympic horseman and commanding officer of the Irish Army Equitation School died in a Dublin hospital on Thursday, November 20. He was 58 years old.

Col. Ahern was a member of the Irish Army jumping team from 1929 to 1939. He represented Ireland at the 1948 Olympic games in London.

For many years he rode for Ireland at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden. In 1933 he won the international individual military challenge trophy, completing the course in 38 2/5 seconds in a jump off, riding the chestnut gelding Gallow Glass. In the same year with a teammate, Capt. Dan Corry, he took first place in the military pair jumping competition at the World's Fair Horse Show in Chicago.

In 1935, Col. Ahern won the Bowman Cup trophy in the individual international jumping competition at the National. Riding Gallow Glass, he circled Course H with-

out fault in 30 1/2 seconds. At the same show, his team won the international military perpetual challenge event in a jump off with the United States Army team.

Also, in the same year, he captured the trophy in a military competition at the Royal Winter Fair Horse Show in Toronto.

In 1937, heading the Irish team, he won the military pair jumping with Lieut. G. M. Heffernan, at the National.

Col. Ahern was the non riding captain of the team which toured North America in 1955, and which won two international team events and four individual awards. (Reprinted from The Irish World)

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BONZO, b. c., '56, out of Barcuda, by Alaking. Breeder and owner, Hon. Geo. A. Garrett. Won at both Delaware Park and Atlantic City.

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